Leaked memo shows cost of U.K. royal courtiers

LONDON (R) - As many as 100 countries and staff of Britain's reval family are live ing tent-free in live palaces maintained by the larpayer for Queen Ehrabeth, the Guardian newspaper re-ported Wednesday The information was detailed in a confidential memo to menbers of parlament from Sir John Bourn, parliament's comptroller and auditor general, which the newspaper obtained. It was certain to add to the debate over prop. osals by the opposition Labour Party to slim down the reval family The Guardian report save apartments. some worth millions of pounds, are rented for as little as £39 (Seen a week to courtiers. It also lists 94 rent free apartments with eight occupied by minor mak The report also said the total family was reviewing perks for its staff in 1982, the queen acted on entirem about royal wealth to offering to pay income far and come the number of her family members on the state panel

Quayle discharged from hospital

INDIANAPOUS Indiana (AFP) Former vice presdent Dan Quayle was disharred from the hospital Tuesday, saying he expected a full recovery from a bloc clots on his lump, and would decide in language whether to tun for provident in 1996 "I feet goast. I will have a full recovery. It's some to take a little time. But all the physigrans, all the arrays is indicate at 8 going to be a full recovery " Mr. Quavic said as he left the Indiana University Medical Centre Clats of both lungs were discovered when Mr. Quarle, 47, 83 admitted to the hospital a week ago with shortness of breath Doctors believe the chara formed because of the the presidents long penals of sitting on appeares Mr. Quavle who still suffers from aftertions of breath and he Would be resoning a normal active life in four weeks

Rental house sold, Fergie must move

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Dental X-rays can show potential strokes - report

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Prince Ali graduates from Sandhurst

ONDON (Petra) — Their Majesties King Hussein Gueen Noor Friday attended the graduation of Royal Highness Prince Ali from the British Williary Academy Sandhurst after finishing successfully a full year of military course in preparations, training and military sciences. Prince Ali, born Dec. 23, 1975, to King Hussein and late Queen Alia, Innished his elementary and secondary education from the Islamic College and the Baccalaureate School in Amman before joining Deirfield Academy in the United States. Prince Ali has participated in many military courses with the Jordanian Armed Forces. The graduation was attended by many members of the Royal family and Jordan's ambassador in Britain.



Jordan, Israel to open embassies tomorrow

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Jordan and Israel will open temporary embassies in Tel Aviv and Amman on Sunday following the October signing of a peace treaty, the foreign ministry announced. Neither country has found a building to house the new representations so they are to rent space in hotels, said ministry spokesman Daniel Shek. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres have failed to agree on who to appoint as ambassador, according to diplomatic sources. As a result, charge d'affaires will run the embassies for the time being. Jordan has named 38-year-old career diplomat Marwan Muasher as ambassador. Israel's charge d'affaires will be Yaacov Rosen, head of the foreign ministry's Jordan department.

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Explosions

depot rock

By Rana Husseini and

Amy Henderson

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Fifteen mi-

nutes of explosions rocked

the Sports City neighbour-

hood last night as approx-imately 1,000 gas cylinders

exploded, causing flames to

burst 30 metres into the

night sky, as residents of the area fled from the

According to Salameh Hammad, minister of in-

terior, the explosions were

caused by a mishandling of

one of the gas cylinders by

workers at a gas storage near the Sports City. "One of the workers

apparently dropped a gas

cylinder causing a spark, which is believed to have

started the fire," Mr. Ham-

mad told reporters at the

According to the Civil Defence Department

(CDD), five people were

inside the building when

the cylinders started to ex-

plode. There were no fata-

lities, however, but one

worker was slightly injured

and sent to the King Hus-

sein Medical Centre by a

One eyewitness told the

Jordan Times that he saw

four men racing from the

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General

CDD rescue unit.

scene.

at gas

Sports

City

EU leaders ponder future of E. Europe

- From Ayman Al Safadi in Essen

TWELVE European leaders Friday began a two-day sum-mit that is expected to give "irresistible momentum" to the process of bringing in eastern and central European -nations to the 12-member European Union (EU), whose membership will be enlarged next year to include Finland, Sweden and Au-

But while this process is seen by some European nations as a positive development for the union, others see it as a major nail in the coffin of "dreams" for a

federal Europe. "Unlike Finland, Sweden 'and Austria which will input. more wealth and economic opportunities into the union, the East European nations can only increase its economic burden and will make political and defence policy coordination much more difficult, if not impossible, observers say.

European observers and politicians say the enlargement of the EU to eventually include the majority of eastern and central European na-tions is inevitable. But "Eurosceptics" insist that inch enlargement will render inworkable many European institutions whose performance is already hindered by the conflicting interests and pointy extends the pointy extends the property of the prop

Pushing expansion to inare northern members of the EU who see the

By Amy Henderson

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN --- Amman Cham-

ber of Commerce elections

on Wednesday yielded sur-prising results. Despite

observers' scepticism that any

group could secure a majority

on the chamber board, thus diminishing any hope for an

increased chamber role in

Jordan's economic voice, Al

Wifaq, headed by Haidar Murad, nailed down ten seats

on the 12-seat board. The

remaining seats were won by former Chamber President

Mohammad Al Asfour and

Ziad Ghaith, both from Mr.

Asfour's group, Al Amal.

Mr. Marrad managed to re-

cruit 4,135 votes — the largest number in chamber

history going to one candi-date. He will be accompanied

on the board of directors by ten members of his group: Rical Al Safi (3,547 votes); minad Muhtaseb (3,371 w. es); Yousef Al Suradi (598 votes); Taher Al Tah-

(2,676 votes); Yanai Al Tah-gr (2,676 votes); Yanai Al Boustami (2,520 votes); Hisham Al Haj Hassan (2,495 votes); and Ismail Taraira (2,456 votes); Ghazi Kawar (2,385 votes) and Suleiman Al Kudah (2,136 votes)

Mr. Asfour and Mr. Ghaith had 2,223 and 2,547

Chamber laws dictate that

the new board vote for a

president from among its

ranks, which means that

although Mr. Murad received

the greatest number of votes

in the elections, he still has to

win a majority within the

Traditionally, however,

the seat has gone to the per-

son with the greatest number

of votes in the board elec-

tions, and it is expected that

the board will officially vote

in Mr. Murad as the Amman

Chamber of Commerce presi-

dent next Monday.

By virtue, he will also

the chamber's mother orga-

nisation, the Federation of

Jordanian Chambers of Com-

When elections started

Wednesday merchants were

worried that no group would

secure a majority in the

ume the chairmanship of

votes respectively.

votes).

stability and economic development of former members of the Eastern bloc as an integral part of their own

But so do southern members of the EU who emphasise the need to strengthen the stability and security of their neighbours in the southern Mediterranean basin.

Observers here expect the EU to focus more at this stage on Eastern Europe, whose countries will eventually join the union, but only after major readjustment processes that will require huge amounts of financial aid from the EU.

But they also say that the EU realises the need to invest in the stability and develop-ment of the Mediterranean basin and hence the expectation is that the Essen gathering will endorse a plan for furthering cooperation and economic integration with the region.

The summit, which marks the end of the German pres-idency of the EU, is expected to approve a proposal for holding a Euro-Mediterranean conference under the Spanish presidency of the union in the second half of 1995.

In a paper presented by the European Commission to the summit as the basis of European policy towards the Mediterranean, the European Commission said the objective of Europe's policy towards the region should be a "Euro-Mediterranean partnership" that will culminate in the establishment of what

Murad's bloc wins Chamber

board causing disunity and therefore, little opportunity

for the Chamber to play a

greater role in the economic

decision-making in the King-

In a phone interview with

the Jordan Times, Mr.

Murad said he was confident

that he would be the new

chamber president and that

in such a capacity he was

ready to put the chamber full

change the laws of the cham-

ber to increase the board

members to make it corres-

pond with the number of

The chamber board was

members," he said.

"The board wants to

steam ahead.

dom's new "economic era."

of Commerce elections

would be the largest free trade area in the world.

The paper also states that the EU will have to offer economic and financial aid to countries which will move in that direction in order to offset the negative impact the economic structural readjustment required by the process

will have on their economies. But no decision was expected on a proposal by the commission for a long term 5.5 billion ECUs development package for the Mediterranean region, which is defined by the EU to include all the Middle East.

Observers said the most that could emerge from the summit is a broad commitment to the stability of the region without deciding on specific amounts of aid.

The significance of the Essen summit does not stem only from its implications for Eastern Europe but also from the fact that it will be the last summit held under the blue flag with 12 stars as Finland, Sweden and Austria will be around the table next time European leaders meet.

But despite the call by Helmut Kohl, the German leader whose country showed great concern for having the summit succeed by removing contentious issues from the agenda, for sending out an optimistic message, the meeting was marred by the echoes of fighting in Bosnia and the growing lines of uncapployed

Europe, which admits fai-

says, as a board member (and

hopefully as president), he

intends to see that the cham-

ber becomes one of the main

active bodies pushing for

proper economic develop-

The question, however, is

whether or not the chamber

will be taking a leading role

in normalisation of relations

with Israel. "That," Mr.

Murad said, "is a question for

another day."
In the last four years as

deputy president of the

board, Mr. Murad supported

Mr. Asfour's Al Amal group, but unexpectedly withdrew

his support earlier this year.

Chamber observers say that

pleased to see Mr. Asfour

and Mr. Ghaith serving on

the board for another term,

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Israeli-Syrian talks to resume in Washington soon

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel and Syria will return to the negotiating table in Washington in the coming weeks at the levels of senior army officers, a newspaper reported Friday.

Official bilateral peace talks led by ambassadors were suspended last Feb. 25 after a Jewish settler murdered 29 Muslims in a Hebron mosque.-

But the two countries' ambassadors continued to meet discreetly in Washington and they will resume their talks at the same time as the

officers. However, Haaretz, quoting American sources, said that while Syria wanted the military talks and diplomatic

talks to be held separately Israel would prefer them all to be together.

Gas depot ablaze Friday in Sports City area. Successive explosions rocked the night for 15 minutes (photo: Yousef 'Allan)

Security arrangements on the Golan Heights would dominate the meetings, the daily said.

The decision to bring senior army officers together was reached during a visit to Damascus and Jerusalem by U.S. President Bill Clinton on Oct. 26, according to the newspaper.

The United States gives considerable importance to the fact that the Syrians have agreed to debate security arrangements without Israeli giving a prior commitment for a total withdrawal,

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2 policemen killed in Egypt

forces.

MINIYA, Egypt (AFP) — Militants shot dead two policemen as they guarded a railway depot on Friday in southern Egypt in the third lethal attack in the past three days, police said.

The two men were sprayed with gunfire in Malawi in Miniya province, 300 kilometres south of Cairo. One died instantly and the

other later in hospital. On Thursday a policeman guarding a village fire station in Rawda in the region was shot dead, and two others were killed in separate

campaign in March 1992 to topple the secular government of President Hosni

hotbed for the outlawed

Mubarak. and said group alliances Malawi has been under a curfew since the end of August in a bid to halt mounting attacks on policemen. It has become the new

Jamaa Islamiyya (Islamic group) after they were hounded out of their previous stronghold in Assiut further to the south by security

Dutch soldier

Friday arrived in Amman on a two-day visit during which its members will hold talks dies in accident Meanwhile a Dutch soldier with Jordanian officials on from the multinational obserrelations between the EU ver force deployed in Egypt's and Jordan. Sinai peninsula died in a car The delegation, which in-

accident, police said Friday. The 26-year-old soldier, whose identity was not given, crashed his car on the Nuweiba to Taba road in the Gulf of Aqaba, eastern Sinai.

The 2,600-strong force including 1,140 Americans was created in 1981 during Israel's phased withdrawal from the Sinai, following the Jewish state's peace treaty with Egypt two years earlier.

Separate from the United Nations, the force is financed 60 per cent by the United States and 40 per cent by Egypt and Israel.

TCC extends deadline which has already partially AMMAN (Petra) - The

Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) Friday decided to extend a deadline issued to delinquent subscribers of its telephone services until the end of the coming week, according to an announcement by TCC Director General Walid Dweik.

Mr. Dweik said because of the weather conditions which prevailed in the Kingdom in the beginning of last week, many subscribers failed to call at TCC offices to pay their dues for September

telephone bills. This prompted the TCC to extend the deadline for one

more week starting Saturday, said Mr. Dweik. He warned that telephone lines of those failing to pay

their dues before the expiry of the deadline will be fully disconnected by the TCC,

AMMAN (Petra) — A European Union (EU) delegation

cludes Director of the

Mediterranean, Near and

Middle East at the European

Commission's Directorate

General for External Econo-

mic Relations Eberhard

Rhein aims to follow up issues raised by His Royal

Highness Crown Prince Has-

san at meetings with senior EU officials Nov. 23 in Brus-

The delegation will open its talks at the Foreign Minis-

try Saturday, and the two sides will discuss proposals on

projects that the EU may

The meetings will also deal

with preparations for the

finance in the Kingdom.

Jordan, EU start

2-day economic talks

suspended telephone services to defaulters. Last Saturday, the TCC

said that it partially suspended telephone services to 18,000 subscribers within the Greater Amman area for their failure to pay their bills.

Dr. Dweik said delinquent subscribers owe the TCC nearly JD 3 million. A partial suspension means

that the subscriber is able to receive calls, but unable to place calls. Mr. Dweik said that

according to the new telephone system, after a month of full disconnection from the service subscription would be terminated.

He said a large number of subscribers have paid their bills during the first week of partial suspension and urged the rest to follow their suit.

Amman economic confer-

ence to be held during the

first half of 1995, the EU

conference, and the

Mediterranean conference

which will be hosted by Spain

in the second half of 1996.

cuss arrangements for hold-

ing Jordanian-European talks

aimed at reaching a new

agreement on partnership be-

tween Jordan and Europe to

replace the old cooperation

agreement signed in 1977.

a working group to follow up issues that will be discussed

with EU officials.

story page 3).

The Cabinet earlier set up

On Thursday, Prime

Minister Abdul Salam Al

Majali met with the ambassa-

dors of France and Germany

in Amman to discuss propos-

als on Jordanian-European relations and the EU delega-

tion's visit to Amman (see

The two sides will also dis-

census starts today

By Amy Henderson Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The first national population census since 1979 is scheduled to commence this morning. Eight thousand enumerators will be knocking on doors of all houses in the Kingdom for the next five days counting Jordanians and foreigners alike.

Although census planning has been underway since 1991, it does take on additional importance, some say, because Jordan enters a new era following the recent signing of the peace agreement with Israel.

The Department of Statistics has been campaigning for census awareness for the last two months. In its latest efforts, the department has distributed census reminders at each house, asking adult residents to record the number of people spending the night in each residence on a given evening of the five-day

(Continued on page 12)

his decision was not because attacks on Wednesday. of any ideological differbered only 500,000. Now, Amman is 1.5 million people A total of 522 people have ences, but because he had now been killed since Muslim decided to seek the presidenmilitants launched a violent cy himself. He says that he is

created with 12 seats when Amman's population numstrong and the chamber of commerce members number 26,000. The board, members say, cannot possibly address the needs of the entire private sector. He said that he intends to

keep the chamber focused on the advantages that the Kingdom's new role in the region offers to local merchants, and

By Ghadeer Taher

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Ahmad Obeidat

Thursday resigned from the

40-member Senate a month

after he said he opposed Jor-

dan's peace treaty with Israel. A Royal Decree

approved the resignation and named a fellow tribe member

The prominent politician

was replaced by a political

opponent, former deputy and

minister of labour Qaseem

Obeidat, who held a parlia-ment seat in the 1989 House

but lost his bid for re-election

in the country's last election.

the second political resigna-

tion in less than one week.

Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi resigned

Monday from the govern-

ment in protest against what

he described as the govern-

ment's lack of direction in

domestic policies. Mr. Obeidat, a former

Mr. Obeidat's move was

as replacement.

"As of today, we are one board," he said. "We are nefit of the chamber."

won't matter.

working together for the be-Obeidat's stand on peace leads to resignation

prime minister, was asked to

resign because of his harsh

attacks on the peace accord

with Israel, a highly informed source told the Jordan Times.

His position on the peace

accord and subsequent res-

entitled to his own views but

Obeidat went too far with his

Mr. Obeidat, who belongs

to a prominent tribe in the

north of the country, made a

speech in the Senate oppos-ing the treaty ahead of the

vote on the accord, Nov. 9.

of the Obeidat clan, led by

At the time some members

and intelligence chief.

treaty.

Oaseem Obeidat, criticised the senator's position on the peace accord; they ran a full page advertisement in Al Rai newspaper, signed by 650 members, pledging support to the King and for the peace

ignation came as a surprise Mr. Obeidat's supporters because he is regarded as being very close to the leadcountered by issuing a state-ment that said his opposition to the peace accord focused ership since he has held many key positions in the past in-cluding minister of interior on specific aspects of the treaty, water rights and Jeru-"When you are appointed salem, and reaffirmed their to the Senate you are an allegiance to the King and advisor to the King... you are one of the King's men," said the source. "Of course he is

country. Other senators suggested that Mr. Obeidat may have been used by groups opposed to the treaty. They did not public criticism of the peace elaborate. "It is sad to lose an honest

> ate," said a fellow senator.
> "He should have been able to remain and defend his point of view ' Another senator attributed Obeidat's inability to play the

political game and remain

and capable man in the Sen-

within permissible bounds to his unbending character, which the colleague described as direct and uncompromising. "Politics in Jordan is

guided by certain conventions and parametres," said the senator. "Ahmad Obeidat could not confine himself to these conventions or rules; this attitude was not tolerated," the senator told the Jordan Times. The senator said oppo-

nents of the treaty, whether on the right or left, will try to lure Mr. Obeidat to their camp, especially since he is seen by many as opposing U.S. policies in the region. "Obeidat could become a

focal point for the opposition," said the senator.
"They need a charismatic said the senator. leader, who is honest, decent and has credibility. The question is can he be a leader for the opposition despite past relations with them."

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Hizbollah vows to fight on after future Israeli withdrawal

By Jacques Lhuillery Agence France Presse

BAALBECK, Lebanon — Hizbollah guerrillas will continue anti-Israeli attacks even after the Jewish state has withdrawn its forces from south Lebanon, a leader of the Shiite Muslim group warned in an interview with

"We shall forever reject Israel's existence," said Sheikh Subhi Tufayli in his well-guarded home in the suburbs of Baalbeck, a Hizbollah stronghold in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Val-

"I tell you resistance will go on even after Israel's withdrawal.

Hizbollah claimed responsibility for two bomb attacks inside Israel's "security zone" in south Lebanon Thursday that killed nine members of Israel's proxy militia, the South Lebanon Army (SLA), and wounded 10 others.

The Iranian-backed group. which spearheads anti-Israeli attacks in Lebanon, said the bombings were aimed at "punishing," the SLA, "following repeated warnings and appeals to the enemy's agents to repent."

The SLA's 3,000 men are paid, equipped and trained by Israel, which has some 1.000 troops and intelligence agents in the zone.

The latest attacks were the bloodiest against the SLA in nine months.

Ten SLA militiamen were killed and 12 wounded on March 7, in a string of attacks in the occupied zone.

future there won't be a single Jew or Zionist left in Palestine," said Sheikh Tufayli, formerly Hizbollah's secretary-general and now its chief representative in the

Bekaa Valley.
"Peace will not survive those who have signed it," he said, branding PLO leader Yasser Arafat as a "traitor

who will fall soon."

Hizbollah, the "Party of God," condemned the PLO-Israeli autonomy accord which launched Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho in May. It also slammed the Oct. 26 Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

If Syria signed such a deal it would be making "a big mistake," Sheikh Tufayli warned. He praised the firm stand adopted by Damascus. "Thanks to Iran's help, we are continuing our economic

Zionist entity, and in the near and military activities. Without this money, it would be more difficult but we would still keep going."

> Sheikh Tufayli said his group was no longer receiving weapons and had to rely on "limited means" for its operations in south Lebanon.

But the situation on the ground was "excellent," he insisted, while declining to say how many fighters Hizbollah could count on.

Referring to a recent pledge by Lebanese President Elias Hrawi that "not a single bullet" would be fired at Israel from Lebanon if the Jewish state withdrew from the occupied zone, Tufayli said: "I guarantee that he won't be able to keep his promise."

He also ruled out handing over weapons to the Lebanese army if Israel with-

U.S., Europe differ on Iran

WASHINGTON (R) -European countries have subordinated their opposition to the spread of weapons to maintaining political relations with Russia and an unwillingness to single out Iran, a senior U.S. official has said.

Under Secretary of State Lynn Davis said Russia and China were still selling sophisticated conventional weaponss and nuclear reactors to Iran, which the United States regards as a pariah state supporting international

In a speech to the Atlantic Council she took issue with the Europeans over their

Ms. Davis said the United States had sought Russian agreement to cease all arms sales to Iran in return for U.S. support for its membership of a new group coordinating policy on sensitive

"In contrast, the Europeans have been prepared to admit Russia to the new regime, hoping that its arms sales to Iran will end," Ms. Davis said.

"Maintaining their political relationship with Russia and their reluctance to single out Iran have been given priority over their non-proliferation

Amnesty asks Egypt to reveal fate of Kikhiya

LONDON (R) — Amnesty International urged Egypt on Friday to make public its investigation into the abduction last year of a prominent Libyan lawyer from a Cairo

The London-based humanrights group said Mansur Kikhiya, an outspoken critic of the Libyan government, disappeared from the Al Safir hotel a year ago and had not been seen since.

"We are concerned that the outcome of the investigation into the disappearance of Mansur Kikhiya has still not been made public," Amnesty said in a statement.

"We have already asked

the Egyptian authorities to make public the results of the investigation, as well as asking the Libyan government for information about Mansur Kikhiya's whereabouts, but we have not had any sciply from either govern-. ment," it said.

Amnesty said it feared Mr. Kikhiya, a leading official of the main Libyan opposition group, may have been abducted by agents of the Libyan government.

He was attending a conference in Cairo held by the Arab Organisation for Human Rights when he failed to arrive for an arranged meeting with his brother.

Mr. Kikhiya, who was Libya's foreign minister from 1972-1974 and served as the country's permanent representative to the United Nations in New York, was a leading human rights-cam-

Before his disappearance the father of two lived in France.

"Any act of enforced disappearance is an offence to human dignity. It is condemned as a denial of the purpose of the charter of the United Nations and as a grave and flagrant violation of human rights and fun-damental freedoms." Amnesty said.



Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (left) Friday. Rabin and Peres will be awarded the and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin share a Nobel Peace Prize during a ceremony on moment of relaxation prior to their landing in Saturday together with PLO leader Yasser Oslo, Norway, as they sit in the airplane on Arafat (AFP photo)

Search for peace continues in Oslo

By Colleen Siegel Reuter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM - The leaders of Israel and the PLO returned to Oslo, the city where their peace deal was crafted, on Friday to share the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize and strive to find a way to keep their beleaguered 15-

month-old accord on course. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told reporters after a short meeting with PLO leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday that the two of them and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would meet in Oslo in hopes of ironing out difficulties.

Bloodshed caused by opponents of the deal which provides Palestinian self-rule in stages has dogged the accord, hammered out in Oslo and signed in Washington on Step. 13, 1993.

The two worst incidents: on Feb. 25 a Jewish settler shot dead 30 Palestinians at pryaer in the West Bank town of Hebron. On Oct. 19 a suicide bomber of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas killed 22 people — 20 of them Israelis — when he blew up a Tel Aviv bus at

morning rush hour. On Oct. 14, the day it was announced that Mr. Arafat. Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres were this year's laureates, Hamas militants killed an Israeli soldier whom they had held for a week.

After a failed Israeli rescue

raid, in which one of the Israeli commandos and three kindappers were also killed, Mr. Rabin said: "I wish I could give up the Nobel Prize

to get the two soldiers back.' Some Israeli officials have reservations at expanding self-rule beyond Gaza and Jericho in light of the vio-

Some Israeli ministers this week said Israeli troops should not redeploy away from Palestinian population centres in still-occupied parts of the West Bank prior to Palestinian elections as the accords dictated.

Palestinian officials warned if Israel tried unilaterally to change the Oslo accords the deal would be destroyed.

On Thursday, Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafat said after their meeting they understood one another. Israel's cabinet, ending a debate of three days, reaffirmed its commitment to the Oslo accords.

The accords provide Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. occupied by Israel since it captured them from, respectively, Egypt and Jordan in-the 1967 Middle East war.

Gaza and Jericho were to get autonomy first. They did in May. On July 1, Mr. Arafat, long loathed in Israel, returned in triumph to his homeland after 27 years of embattled exile.

Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin emphasised Israeli soldiers

would no longer fight an unwinnable battle against militants and unarmed women and children in Gaza' alleys.

Each stage of the deal, which calls for final status talks no later than May 1996 with a permanent settlement two years after that, must be negotiated — and that has brought delays.

Elections, still without a date, should have been in

Yet the accord broke the logiam of the Middle East peace process begun in Madrid in 1991 and including Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel, the second by an Arab state after Egypt, on Oct. 26.

by extension Lebanon where Syria is the main powerbroker, have still to move off the mark. Israel Television on Thursday screened parts of inter-

Only talks with Syria, and

views done separately with Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat by actor Peter Ustinov. "Not only by wars but by peace we can achieve what we are looking to achieve...

for our children," said Mr. Arafat. Mr. Rabin: "(The) Nobel Prize is nice... but the peace

has not yet been achieved in its comprehensive meaning. On Friday, Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres left Israel and Arafat left Gaza for Oslo. They

will be awarded the prize on

Thursday.
"It will be a child of peace," the 31-year-old Palestinian first lady told Istael radio.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

(AFP) — Suha Arafat, wife of PLO Chairman Yasser

Arafat, is pregnant with the

couple's first child, her

spokeswoman told AFP

Spokeswoman Yola Hadadin said Suha was just one month pregnant. 'She is tired and sleeping

now," Ms. Hadadin said. Mrs. Arafat had cancelled interviews lined up for the day because "she has to rest," ahead of a trip Friday with her husband to Oslo where he is to share the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Her personal gynaeco-logist, Ahmed Tibi, will travel with the couple, a secretary at the physician's office told AFP. Dr. Tibi is also a political advisor to Mr. Arafat.

Mrs. Arafat married the PLO chairman in secret on July 17, 1990, but the union was only disclosed in 1992. Before their marriage, Suha worked as economic advisor to Mr. Arafat, who

Until then, Mr. Arafat had always declared that Palestine was his only love. Born into a wealthy Christian family in the West Bank town of Ramaliah and educated abroad, Suha converted to Islam,

Arafat to be a father but campaigns against the imposition of the veil.

The couple settled in Gaza last July when Mr. Arafat returned to take charge of the Palestinian Authority after the launch

of autonomy in May. Mr. Arafat has maintained a low profile, appearing in public here only a few times to inaugurate events such as a clean. up campaign and the start of the school year. But she has pressed for the liberation of Palestinian

women, calling for "laws to protect her, training and education." However as the good news broke, so did an article in an Israeli newspaper saying Suha is not Mr. Ara-

fat's first wife. The Haaretz daily quoted PLO officials in Tunis as saying Mr. Anafate was married to Neila Yassin, also known as Um Nasser.

Ms. Yassin told the newspaper she met Mr. Arafat back in 1966 and divorced her husband a year later to live with the

militant leader for several "I am the only one who really understood him." she claimed. "I knew what upset him, what pleased

him and what calmed him, I totally understood him." She ran his office between 1972 and 1985. "He trusted me and I knew all his secrets," Ms. Yassin

Explosions rock **Sports City**

(Continued from page 1)

building immediately fol-lowing the initial explosion. The storage establishment is 13 years old, surrounded only by a few homes. There were approximately 4,000-6,000 cvlinders in the building, according to the owner of

the gas store. In an interview with Jordan Television, the owner of the gas store said only two storage rooms of the eight rooms inside were damaged.

A gas cylinder can only explode if it was old, or if it was exposed to heat over 700 degrees Celsius, CDD official said.

"The only way a ga cylinder would explode is if was mishandled," the official added. "Maybe the safety valve of the cylinder was not functioning properly, maybe an employee had flames near the cylinder." CDD units had difficulty approaching the scene as the road leading to the gas store was narrow and unpaved, only allowing trucks and rescue units to approach the scene from one direction and only in single file, making entry and exit to the area difficult. However, the CDD manager to have the fires under control in one hour

from the time it broke out. Firefighters braved the possibility of further explosions when they entered the building to check for any remaining pockets

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day, the King said he hoped able the Islamic nation to attain its aspirations and overcome the difficulties it is currently facing.

Referring to inter-Arab re-lations, he said he hoped that the coming days would open the way for Arab leaders to meet and re-establish solidar-

it would help contribute towards advancing Jordanian-Dutch ties.

Jordanian position, the King said that the Hague has stood by Jordan in its darkest days and Jordan truly appreciated

Their Royal Highnesses Prince Mohammad, Crown

produced by women and

to study draft budget

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Low-er House of Parliament Finance Committee Sunday will start its debate of the draft 1995 fiscal budget which was presented to Parliament by the government Wednesday, according to the committee Chairman Ali Abul

Speaking after a meeting between committee members and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Thursday, Mr. Abul Ragheb said that the panel will, in cooperation with Finance Minister Sami Gammoh, make a detailed study of the revenue and expense items in the budget. In presenting the JD 1.674 billion draft budget to Parlia-ment, Dr. Majali said it was one of the most ambitious to be presented because people have high expectations in the

peace treaty with Israel. Referring to the meeting with the prime minister Thursday, Mr. Abul Ragheb said that different aspects of the draft budget and the government's economic and social plan were discussed. He said that the draft budget was prepared under

wake of the signing of the

special circumstances follow-

ing the peace treaty with Israel, noting that the committee's view was to include advanced programmes that would reflect the people's aspirations for improved standards of living. Also, he said, the committee hopes that the government will in-troduce laws to encourage investments and cut down on

Mr. Abul Ragheb said that committee members asked the prime minister at the meeting about the government's achievements on the domestic front during 1994, economic projects, the national housing scheme, government plans to increase investments in the Aqaba and Dead Sea area and plans for promoting the free zones of Jordan and dealing with the chronic questions of poverty and unemployment.

Noting that the committee would be fully cooperating with the government and working as a team with the minister of finance to achieve social justice, Mr. Abul Ragheb said that the prime minister has responded to the committee's queries on the government's financial and economic policies.

EU teams to arrive for talks on financing projects

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Three delegations from the European Union (EU) countries will be visiting Jordan this month and next to discuss with government officials a practical programme for financing Jordanian development projects and a new partnership agreement replacing that of 1977.

The announcement about the visits was made following a meeting here Thursday between Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and German Ambassador Heinrich Reiners and French Ambassador Bernard Bajolet.

Mr. Bajolet told the Jordan Times Friday that the meeting focused on the modalities of partnership between the EU and Jordan. One of the proposals flo-

ated at the meeting, said Mr. Bajolet, was to hold a seminar in mid-January with the participation of the ambassadors of the EU countries in Amman and all Jordanian government departments concerned with the partnership.

He said the meeting also aimed to coordinate stands between the EU and Jordan on future meetings such as the economic Mideastern summit which will be hosted

1995 and the Mediterranean conference which will be held in Spain in the second half of the year.

He said there was a general reviewed of projects that Europe might help carry out in the region in general, and Jordan in particular, saying no specific project was discussed, but most probably Europe will play an important role in water projects, which the ambassador described as the most important in the region, in addition to cooperation in tourism.

He added that these issues will be discussed in detail in future meetings.

The meeting with the rime minister, said Mr. Bajolet, aimed also to demonstrate the EU's response to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan's visit to Brus-sels and his meetings with senior EU officials.

He said it was imperative at present to update agreements between Jordan and the EU which date back to 1977, especially after the signing of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty.

The partnership agreement, he said, aims to give more substance to relations between both parties and "to affirm Europe's wish to be more involved in the peace process and to stress our presence in the region, and in in Amman in the first half of Jordan in particular."

seminar and thanked the said in an opening address Foreign affairs committee looks to OIC summit to unify Islamic nation

AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parhament Foreign Affairs Committee Friday voiced hope that the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) summit which will be hosted by Morocco this week will constitute a opportune occasion for the Islamic nation to unify its

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Two people

were killed in a road accident

early Friday morning on the Safout highway where Thurs-

day 33 people survived

According to a police offi-cial, Friday's accident, which

also left one victim in critical

condition, was the result of

The official said the acci-

dent occurred when the driv-

er of a taxi lost control of his

vehicle and struck a light

All three victims were

rushed to Jordan University

Hospital. The attending doc-

tor pronounced two of the

AMMAN (Petra) - As a

two-week seminar on road

safety organised by the Traf-

fic Department in coopera-

tion with the Swedish govern-

another seminar on road acci-

dents and the role of family

education in preventing them

opened the same day at the

Jerusalem Community Col-

lege.
Traffic Department Director Al

tor Brigadier Nimer Al

Hmoud delivered an address

at the conclusion of the first

ment ended Thursday,

another accident.

In a statement read by Chairman Abdul Karim Kabariti, the committee said the current state in the history of the nation requires unifying ranks and mobilising capabilities in order to deal with the new international reality in such a way that

guarantees safeguarding the interests of the nation.

Mr. Kabariti said the committee believes that of the most important question to be discussed by the summit is the mending of fences be-tween OIC member states to the minimum possible level that would enable the Islamic nation to deal with developments as one bloc.

Mr. Kabariti said the availability of political will by the leaders of the Islamic countries was the sole guarantee of resolving problems and crises in various parts of the Islamic world.

The committee, said Mr. Kabariti, calls on the Islamic nation to launch a parliamentary dialogue that would run parallel to the official dialogue since cooperation among the Islamic nation should be based on strategic needs rather than on a temporary basis.

He added that the committee fully supports Jordan's official stand on the various issues listed on the agenda of the summit, namely the Jordanian leadership's calls for Islamic solidarity and its stands on the Islamic holy places in Jerusalem.

JTV, Radio devote air time to children

By Rima Cortbawi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - In accordance with Fund's (UNICEF) move to promote the International Children's Day Broadcasting (ICDB), Jordan Radio and Television celebrated the event by involving children in yesterday's programming.

This internationally recognised occasion started three years ago when James Grant, executive director of UNICEF, challenged the broadcasting industry to dedicate more attention to children and was supported by members of the International Council of the National Academy of Television Arts and Services.

Since then UNICEF has organised the worldwide observance of ICDB on the second Sunday/ Friday of December.

According to UNICEF reports, statistics reveal that in 1993, almost 1,000 television and radio stations in 112 countries participated in International Children's Day of Broadcasting, and more than 70 countries produced programmes especially for the day.

Children were even involved in planning and promoting the day in more than 50 countries, and some level of governmental involvement was witnessed in 16 countries where leaders or heads of states participated.

Due to the power of television and radio in directing public interests, "this day is very impor-tant in focusing regard to chil-dren's issues so that activities could be inclined towards improvements in these areas," said Sima Bahous, information/ communication officer at UN-ICEF in Amman.

As a "catalyst" for change, "the media can and must learn to

exercise a responsibility commensurate with the great power they hold," wrote Tom Johnson, president of Cable News Net-work (CNN).

Naturally, this responsibility extends beyond news reporting to include other special entertaining and educational programming, according to UNICEF.

Jordan Television (JTV) directs a substantial share of its programming towards children. However in this particular day's activities, we mean to enhance public awareness of children's needs and their welfare, which has a great impact on our na-tion's future," said Zahia Innab, assistant head of programmes at JTV. During this children's event in the past two years, JTV pre-sented some programmes for children, but this year there was a stronger emphasis on the occa-

Throughout the day, programmes on both JTV channels (the Arabic and foreign) were interspersed by two-minute-spots re-volving around children's interests, opinions and outlooks on global issues such as the environment, the media, and child development.

Also regularly scheduled programmes included items that underscored children's concerns. presented satellite communication between children from Jordan and Oman and showed children's involvement in community activities such as visiting other children in hospitals.

Moreover, a film on children's adventures, a documentary on the children's programmes pre-sented by JTV in the past 15 years and a report on childhood affairs were also broadcast.

"This coming week's programmes will also include some special documentaries and items for children," said Ms. Innab. Channel Two's special prog-

led worldwide issues on child-related affairs. "Quality children programmes

ing adult acknowledgement of children's needs and encouraging children's expression so that further development can be maintained," said Rima Azar, director of Channel Two.

Since attention has been drawn to children's needs, great efforts have been made in child ICEF reports, in 1989, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which emphasises all children's right to lead healthy and productive

This convention was ratified by 159 countries on April 26, 1994, and UNICEF hopes for universal ratification by the year

The outcome of the International Children's Day of Broadcasting has manifested itself in several memorable events such as on Dec. 10, 1993, when Nobel Laureates F.W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandela dedicated their

peace prize to children. Additional programmes to be presented on the foreign channel this week include today's animated programme about chil-dren's needs and the considera-

tions involved in ensuring a prospering generation, according to Ms. Azar. Radio Jordan's participation in

this event was concerned with dedicating three of the afternoon hours of the English service to airing conversations involving children from different schools in the country. The Arabic service dedicated the full day's activities to children, providing great opportunity for all to contribute.

King, Queen to attend graduation | House finance panel | 2 killed on Safout highway of Prince Ali from Sandhurst

AMMAN (Petra) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor left for the United Kingdom Thursday evening to attend the gradua-tion ceremony of His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ben Al Hussein from Sandhurst

military college. Following the visit to Britain, King Hussein will travel to Morocco to take part in the Islamic summit conference at Casablanca where he will deliver Jordan's address

Referring to the general population census which starts today, the King urged all Jordanians to cooperate with the Department of Sta-tistics in order to obtain accurate information for the sound planning of future socio-economic programmes.

out the Islamic summit in Morocco, which opens Satur-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Beatrix and

His Royal Highness Prince Claus, who ended their visit

to Jordan Thursday, earlier

the same day were welcomed to the Noor Al Hussein

Foundation (NHF) by Her Majesty Queen Noor and

members of the NHF Execu-

tive Committee and Board of

Trustees, according to a

Queen Beatrix and Prince

Claus and members of their

delegation viewed a

documentary film outlining NHF's philosophy and in-

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Royal Court statement.

ity among their countries. On the just-concluded visit to Jordan by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, King Hussein expressed hope that

Noting that the Nether-lands fully understands the this stand.

Queen welcomes royal visitors to NHF reliance, the statement said. During a tour of the Jordan Design and Trade Centre, the statement said, Queen Noor briefed the royal guests on traditional handicrafts ducts, the statement said.

> communities benefiting from NHF's various training and income generating projects. Also during the visit; stu-dents from NHF's National Music Conservatory (NMC) played the Dutch and Jorda-

performed pieces of classical Arabic music, it said. The Dutch government, through the Small Projects Fund, has supported a rug weaving project in the south

nian national anthems and

year's first prize at the International Carpet and Rug Market exhibition in Atlanta. Georgia, in the U.S. for the quality and design of its pro-

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bade farewell to the King and

the Queen at the airport.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Raoud

Rawabdeh, Cabinet mem-

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King's departure. King Hussein and Queen

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Karaki, the King's advisor.

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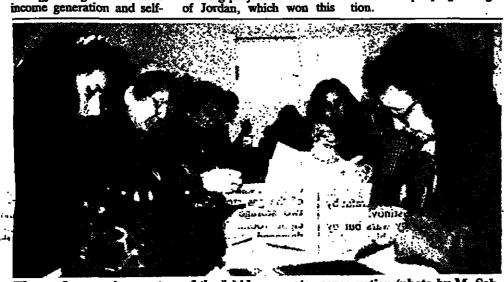
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ment, Queen Beatrix commended the marketing strategy promoted by the NHF and praised the high quality of production.

According to the state-

Queen Noor, Queen Beat-rix and Prince Claus were accompanied by Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya Birt Al Hassan and her husband Nasser Judeh. Adviser to Queen Noor, Inam Mufti, received the royal guests and the accompanying delega-



Women from various sectors of the Irbid on water conservation (photo by M. Sab-

Water conservation workshop has impact on women attendees

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

IRBID - Although domestic use accounts for only 20 per cent of Jordan's total water consumption, water conservation in the home is important and women play a crucial role in it, the 30 participants of a two-dayworkshop on water conservation for women concluded Thursday in Irbid.

The workshop, held at the General Federation of Jordanian Women branch office in Irbid, is part of a water awareness campaign carried out by the Jordan Environment Society (JES) in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Ministry of Water and Irrigation.

It was attended by more than 30 women of mixed backgrounds: university students, housewives, teachers, representatives of nongovernmental organisations (NGOs). In the future, the 30 women are expected to train other women on water conservation in their respective fields of work.

After lectures on the critical water situation in Jordan and an introduction to campaigning techniques, working groups were formed, which finally came up with a variety of suggestions to optimise the

use of water in households. The women demanded to encourage water harvesting in households, for instance by equipping kitchens with simple separate water sewage systems for polluted and less polluted wastewater.

Water used to wash hands, fruits or vegetables for instance in most cases could be reused for washing laundry or irrigating the domestic garden, the women suggested. Houses should also be

equipped with roof drainage systems, particularly in the north where rainful is abundant, the women said.

One working group suggested campaigning for a law that would force builders to equip new houses with watersaving devices, which in most cases are "technically simple and less expensive than expected," environment engineer Munir Adgham of the JES said.

He underlined the women's role in saving water. "In our country, most women are housewives and therefore manage the major part of domestic water resources. And what is even more important, women can teach our children to save water and develop a sense of responsibility towards the environment," Mr. Adgham

The lecture on Jordan's water situation presented by Ministry of Water and Irrigation Secretary General Mohammad Bani Hani left an impact on the gathering. Some women said it was the first time they had been directly confronted with Jordan's critical water situation, and a great number of them admitted they had not been aware of how acute the shortage really was.

"I am definitely going to discuss this with my col-leagues, and we will participate in the campaign, parti-cularly in view of the International Water Day March 22," said the president of an association of housewives from

WHAT'S GOING ON

CHOIR

☆ Choir at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

LECTURE

☆ Lecture (in Arabic) entitled "Renovation of National Thought" by Dr. Mustafa Al Faqi of Egypt at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation at 6:00 p.m.

POETRY RECITAL

Poetry recital by poet Ghassan Zaqtan at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at 6:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- * Exhibition of home furnishings and furniture entitled "Colours and Crafts" at the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development new offices, Al Madina Al Munawara
- ★ Exhibition of portraits by Fahrelnissa Zeid and the exhibition of contemporary Arab artist at Darat Al
- ★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Salman Abbas at Alia Art Gallery.
- ☆ Exhibition of abstract by several artists at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art.



Over 310 die in China fire

BELIING (R) - One of China's deadliest fires engulfed a cinema hall in a remote oil town in the west, killing more than 310 people, most of them children performing and watching a cultural show, officials said Friday.
The Friendship Hall cinema

in Karamay, near the border with the former Soviet Union, was packed with nearly 800 people, including 500 schoolchildren, when the fire broke out Thursday evening, an education official told

"About 300 people were killed and several are missing," he said by telephone from Karamay, in northwest Xinjiang province. "We do not know the number of injured because they are still

"It was a tragedy." Local television broadcast a brief message of condolence over the tragedy and appealed to residents to keep

Many victims failed to escape the blaze because all but one of the doors were locked and iron bars blocked the windows. Most of the bodies were found piled near xious furnes from the burning

said Thursday.

spokesman said.

appeared calm.

juries," he said.

broken arms.

One hundred and ninety-

six soldiers were hurt when

they tried to quell a revolt by

the stone-throwing Cubans,

officials said. At least 17 re-

fugees were injured in the

Most of the injured sol-

diers suffered cuts and

bruises, although some suf-

fered "injuries that are much

more serious," according to a military official. The official

said none of the injuries were

life-threatening.
Lieutenant John Thomas,

a U.S. military spokesman.

said late. Thursday that the

situation at the camps

Lt. Thomas said that of the

"None of these are medi-

Panamanian Television

injured Americans, 16 re-

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cally classified as serious in-

showed images of bloodied

soldiers being taken in ambu-

lances to a local U.S. hospit-

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Cubans were hospitalised.

a U.S. embassy

the only exit, one witness said by telephone.
Survivors reported seeing

sparks from the ceiling that lit the stage curtains and electrical wires, sending a ball of flames hurtling into the front rows of the auditorium.

One weeping broadcast official said the fire appeared to have been caused by an electrical fault.

Two hospitals alone re-ported admitting more than 225 injured from the fire, the second disastrous blaze in China in less than two weeks. An official at the Xinjiang

Oil Administration General Hospital said doctors were treating 116 people, of whom 67 were in critical condition. Most were children. Karamay Deputy Mayor Zhao Lanxiu was among those badburnt.

More than 110 people were in the People's Hospital, in-cluding 11 in critical condition and not expected to survive, a doctor said.

"The other 100 are only slightly injured but they are children and they are in shock," he said. Some victims were poisoned by no-

A group of Cuban refugees board a plane as while the rest were being admitted temporarily

1,000 Cubans flee Panama camp;

during violent protests by in the jungle surrounding the 1,000 Cuban refugees who Panama Canal near four monstration... the serious-

escaped from a Panamanian camps where the United - ness of this clearly indicates

·Cuban refugees, officials

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Dutram, spokeswoman for

the U.S. refugee operation in

being returned to the camp.

another protest flared at a

second camp Thursday after-

noon, Colonel Melanie

Reeder, a U.S. military

spokeswoman, told repor-

U.S. soldiers were autho-

rised to use teargas to dis-

perse Cuban protesters if

necessary, Col. Reeder said,

but she added that she did

not know if teargas was used.

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some 40 more American sol-

diers slightly injured. The

Cubans also damaged 12

military vehicles and tore

down part of a fence sur-

rounding one of the camps.

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they were picked up by the

U.S. Coast Guard this sum-

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The Cubans, who were

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Panama, told Reuters.

'Most, if not all, of the

they leave a refugee camp in Panama. Some of into the United States (AFP photo) the refugees will be joining relatives in Spain

196 U.S. troops hurt in protest

Officials were having diffi-culty compiling a final death toll because many grieving parents had taken home the bodies of their children, the Oil Administration Hospital

doctor said. China's worst reported fire of modern times was also in a cinema in northwestern Xinjiang province, killing more than 600 people in 1979. The cream of students

from 10 primary schools and seven secondary schools in Karamay, along with their teachers, were in the newly decorated hall to present a special cultural show to a visiting education inspection

"We only have a certain number of schools and they all sent their best students, so in every corner of the town there are families who have lost children," a teacher at the Number Two Secondary School said by telephone.

pace of transfers from the

"This is a very serious de-

have with the uncertainty

over their future. It is very

concerning to me," General

James Wilson, commander of

the U.S. refugee operation in

Panama, told reporters early

Thursday in discussing the

Wednesday demonstration.

tained on Thursday by U.S.

soldiers and held in custody,

U.S. troops and Panama-

nian police set up roadblocks

across the sparsely-populated

area to apprehend any

Cubans still at large from the camps, U.S. officials said.

The unrest began hours before some 129 Cubans

were granted asylum and

flown to the United States

stepped-up security at each of

the camps and said U.S. offi-

cials began checking the re-

fugees to see who would

qualify for asylum in the Un-

Spain and to the United

States) will provide the other

refugees with a sense of

hope," Lt. Wilson said.

"We hope the (transfers to

Lt. Wilson said be ordered

officials said.

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Some 145 Cubans were de-

The fire erupted shortly after 6 p.m., but firefighters, apparently inexperienced and overwhelmed by the extent of the disaster, responded slowly, trying to put out the fire the only door. instead of rescuing those

trapped inside, the teacher .Troops had to be deployed to bring out those inside, he

"Parents rushed to the scene and the situation was very chaotic as everyone struggled to rescue people," the education official said. 'Most of the victims were

Most of the children were from families of workers in local oil fields, which provide employment for 90 per cent of residents in the remote town of 220,000 people, about 300 kilometres northwest of the Xinjiang capital of

The blaze comes just two weeks after a burning newspaper tossed onto a sofa at a birthday party transformed a dance hall in northeastern Liaoning province into an inferno in which 233 young weekend revellers died and 16 were injured.

Narrow exits and high windows prevented the dancers from escaping that fire, and bodies were found in a pile four to five layers deep near

Thai elections expected as coalition collapses

BANGKOK (AFP) -Chuan Leekpai's hopes of becoming the first civilian to complete a four-year term as Thai prime minister were shattered when his coalition collapsed, making snap elections a virtual certainty. A dejected Chuan said Fri-

day that remaining government leaders would "make do with whatever we have left and stay true to the democratic path.

Mr. Chuan indicated he would remain at the head of a minority government for the time being to ensure passage of several key items of legislation. But he acknow-PANAMA CITY (K) — American soldiers and pace of transfers from the Almost 200 U.S. soldiers were injured, some seriously, most of the escaped Cubans and other countries. ledged that the crumbling coalition could not last long.

"Elected in September of 1992 to replace a military government brought down by bloody pro-democracy demonstrations. Mr. Chuan is likely to be forced to dissolve parliament within weeks and call new elections to avoid a censure debate.

"The consensus is that dissolution will come sooner rather than later," a Western diplomat with lengthy service in Thailand said Friday.

The collapse was triggered when the New Aspiration Party (NAP) defected Thursday after opposing constitutional amendments that would have curtailed the privileges of local officials and the Interior Ministry, headed by NAP leader Chaowalit Yongchaiyudh.

The military-dominated Senate accelerated the breakdown by joining the opposition in the House in a successful call for a special session of parliament after the body's normal close on Dec.

The special session would rob-Chuan of six months' breathing space between normal sessions of parliament and almost certainly confront his government with a noconfidence debate.

Namibia president takes early poll lead | Unknown Van Gogh still life WINDHOEK (R) - Presi-

dent Sam Nujoma took an early lead in Namibia's general elections when par-tial results from the first of 750 polling stations were announced Friday. Returning officers at Aran-

dis near Swakopmund on the Atlantic coast said Mr. Nujoma, of the ruling SWAPO party, won 3,212 votes against 493 for his only rival in the presidential race, Mishake Muyongo, leader of the opposition Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA).

Parliamentary results were not given and final tallies are not given and final taines are not expected until early next week, although Mr. Nujoma and SWAPO, in power since 1990 independence from South Africa, are expected to win an outright victory. Namibians awaiting re-

turns from the first postindependence elections were certain Mr. Nujoma and SWAPO would win but said this time they would have to deliver on campaign prom-

"We gave SWAPO four-and-half years to show us they want to improve our lives. Those years and months were enough for them to know what we want. After this win, they must deliver," said Katutura township resident Goliath Maasdorp.

Many Namibians say Mr. Nujoma and SWAPO could achieve the two-thirds major-ity which eluded it in 1989

"SWAPO gave us peace and stability. After this election it must give us jobs, houses and curb the crime rate," said white businessman Maxwell Stopforth.

Despite soaring crime, minimal economic success and 40 per cent unemploy-ment, SWAPO remains popular — particularly among the black majority. Mr. Hujoma said he and his party were aware of the challenges.

"We (have) laid the foundsuring of democracy by ensuing there is peace and sta-bility. We did our research

PHNOM PENH (R) - A

Cambodian journalist work-

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dead in eastern Kompong

Cham province, Information

Minister leng Mouly said Fri-

He said Chan Dary, 28, a

reporter for the popular Koh

Santepheap (Island Of

Peace) newspaper was shot



the polls Thursday as Namibia enters the second and final day of post-independence

we know what our people's priorities are and we will address those needs accordingly," he told reporters after casting his ballot Wednesday, the first of the two days of voting.

It was business as usual in the sweltering, high-desert capital Windhoek. Hawkers, shopkeepers and businessmen said they were not an-xious because SWAPO was assured of victory.

"We expect no surprise. There is no doubt SWAPO is going to increase its 42 seats," said banker Malcolm Freedman. Some neither knew nor

cared that a two-thirds majority would allow SWA-PO to rewrite the constitution and to scrap a clause

Cambodian journalist shot dead

Thursday morning.

Reuters.

"by unidentified gunmen"

"I've just learned this

morning that there was a

killing. I have asked the

Ministry of Interior to follow

up and bring me more in-

formation. I have no more

details," Mr. Mouly told

He said that until he had

elections. The elections super vised by U.N. envoys are the first since independence from

forbidding Mr. Nujoma from running for a third term. Others said it would be wrong to give the government carte-blanche.

South Africa in 1990 (AFP)

"Namibians would be stu-pid to give SWAPO a twothirds majority. This country's government will be more corrupt, autocratic and an unchecked one-party state," said Mishake Muyongo, leader of the opposition DTA, which holds 21 National Assembly seats.

Nine seats are held by small parties and the former-ly Marxist SWAPO occupies 42. The party is dominated by members of the country's biggest ethnic group - the Owambo — who comprise half of the country's 650,000 registered voters.

customs agents rescued about 17 customs agents rescued about 17 BANGKOK (AFP) - Thai some 100 exotic birds, most 33 of them emus, that were smuggled into the country on 128 a fishing boat, a government statement said Friday. The agents, acting on a tip, w swooped down on the Thai trawler Pola shortly before midnight Thursday at a small it port in Samut Sakorn province just south of Bangkok, a Customs Department state in ment said. The kangaroos in found in the hold of the ship is were "very tired" but other is wise in good shape, it saids adding that the animals and its the birds would be turned by over to the Dusit Zoo in we Bangkok. The ship captain 76 told officials the kangaroos Air and birds were obtained in to Indonesia and were to be sold to private zoos in Thailand, sv without passing through normal customs procedures. Both the kangaroo and the

New governor takes office in Mexican state, faces rebel threat

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (R) — The new governor of Mexico's crisis-torn state of Chiapas, Eduardo Robledo, took office Thursday amid street protests and warnings from peasant guerrillas that they will renew

their military attacks. Mr. Robledo, of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), was sworn in at a ceremony attended by President Ernesto Zedillo in the state capital surrounded by

But leftist indigenous and peasant groups shortly after-wards declared opposition leader Amado Avendano their "legitimate" governor and peldged to launch, a campaign of civil disobedience while setting up a parallei government.

tight security.

Mr. Robledo's main challenge as he takes on one of the toughest jobs in Mexico will come from peasant rebels of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (EZLN) who this week vowed to end an 11-month-old ceasefire once Mr. Robledo took office.

Surrounded by army units. the Zapatistas' military capacity is limited but guerrilla chief Subcomandante Marcos implied his troops would push for rebellion in towns and villages lying outside the large area of mountain and jungle territory currently under their formal control. Officials in the Chiapas

towns of Ocosingo, scene of the heaviest fighting in the bloody Zapatista uprising in January, and Comitan told Reuters that their streets

were quiet on Thursday. The rebels seized Ocosingo in New Year's Day raids, but retreated under heavy army attack to the jungle strongholds where they have continued their campaign for indigenous rights. Responding to the Zapatis-

maintains the ceasefire."

elections through fraud and had threatened massive demonstrations to block him from taking office but his inauguration went smoothly as troops patrolled the streets of Chiapas' capital.

ta threat, Mr. Zedillo said in a speech after Mr. Robledo's inauguaration that govern-ment troops would hold their fire. "I have sent precise orders that the Mexican army Political opponents claim Mr. Robledo stole August

Plot to kill Maldives leader found in spy suspect's bomb to her body and jump

TRIVANDRUM, India (R)

— A diary kept by a Maldivian woman charged with spying on India's space programme described a plot to kill Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom with a human bomb, a police officer said Friday.
T.V. Madhusoodanan,

director-general of police in southern Kerala state, told Reuters the diary belonged to Mariam Rasheeda, who was arrestèd in mid-October on suspicion she had bought space secrets with sex and money.

Another Maldivian woman, two Indian rocket scientists and two businessmen have also been arrested in the sex, money and secrets scandal. India's biggest spy

Mr. Madhusoo the plot dest Rasheeda's diary involved a woman named Seetha in the the official Maldivian lansouthern Indian state of

before a car carrying the Maldivian leader.

Under interrogation, Rasheeda said she belonged to the National Security Force in the Maldives and was sent to India to enquire into the plot to kill Mr. Gayoom, which she said was hatched by presidential rival Illias Ibrahim.

"The government of Maldives has nothing to say about what is allegedly written in Mariam Rasheed's diary with regard to a plot to kill President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom," a Maldivian government spokesman in Male

The spokesman denied that Ms. Rasheeda belonged to the National Security

The diary notes, written in guage of Dwivegi, were read to crime branch police by a He said Rasheeda told sixth-grade Maldivian schoolpolice Seetha was to strap a boy, Ibrahim, Izhan, who

"The notes said that not only our president but also a minister would be assassinated." Izhan told Reuters. "I was frightened on reading The boy said a Maldivian

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minister was to be assassinated on the Maldives' Independence Day, Nov. 11. "Simultaneously Seetha wearing a belt bomb would

jump in front of the car carrying President Gayoom the same day," the boy said. Izhan said Ms. Rasheeda came to lunch at his parents' house in late October, then departed leaving two bags. The last we heard was that she had been arrested," he

said.

Indian authorities have said Ms. Rasheeda and a ond Maldivian woman, kızia Hassan, were intelligence operatives for an unknown foreign country who obtained vital defence secrets from a scientist at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Nambi Narayanan.

White House considering cuts in federal government

WASHINGTON (Agencies)

— The White House, anticipating similar moves by Republican lawmakers, is considering drastic cuts in the government that could include eliminating some departments, The Washington Post said Friday.

An unnamed senior administration official said the proposals are being drawn up by the National Economic Council and will be submitted to President Bill Clinton early next week. The options under consid-

eration include eliminating departments such as Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Energy, although advisers appear to favour "serious, significant, maior restructurings."

The need to reduce the size of the federal government in the face of a dwindling budget has been one of Mr. Clinton's priorities since he took office in January 1993. but the Democrats' loss of both houses of Congress to the Republicans in last month's mid-term election has made the move more urgent.

Opposition legislators have already announced their in-tention to slash the 1996 federal budget that Mr. Clinthe options. One department official ton is due to present in Con-

gress in Feburary. Reacting to what is per-ceived as shift to the political go about it. centre by American voters, the White House has put its budget process under review to produce a "much more

Republican gains, officials The White House has four goals in structuring its budget: streamlining government, consolidating agencies and departments, eliminating functions; personnel and areas of government, and privatising some functions per-

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formed by government. The proposal to jettison HUD has prompted Secretary Henry Cisneros into action to save his department by presenting a set of proposals that call for "dramatic restructuring" that saves money, another administration official said.

After nearly daily meetings this week on the budget, the daily said, Mr. Clinton has scheduled another one on Monday to debate some of

said several views prevail in the White House on how to Meanwhile, the U.S. army

said Thursday it will cut 45,000 troops to reach a total 495,000 by the end of 1996 as it reaches a fighting goal of 10 active duty divisions. The move is part of a major reduction in U.S. de-

fence spending and troops after the cold war and it will be felt most in six U.S. states and Germany, the army said. The army has already been slashed from 18 divisions and 770,000 troops in 1989 to 12 divisions and 540,000 troops

today after the collapse of the Soviet Union. U.S. Army Secretary Togo West and General Gordon Sullivan, the army's chief of staff, said Thursday that the service's moves over the next two years will be a major step

in preparing the service for

the 21st century. The 10-division army will consist of four light divisions and six heavy divisions, all stationed at existing locations. Each will have three full fighting brigades as well as support units, a senior army official told reporters.

There are currently 1.6 million personnel in the active U.S. army, navy, air force and Marines, and that total will shrink to 1.4 million by 1999 under the Pentagon's current long-range reduc-

The army official told reporters at a Pentagon briefing that 35,000 of the 45,000 troops being cut over the next two years would be in the continental United States. Another 10,000 will be reduced in Germany, where the army now has a total of about 75.000 troops.

Kansas, Colorado and Texas will be hardest hit by the army cuts over the next two years. Hawaii, Louisiana and Kentucky will also feel some financial impact, the army said.

The air force, meanwhile, announced that it will reduce its civilian work force by 11,700 in the current fiscal year and by a total of 38,000 civilians by the year 2001.

to go on show AMSTERDAM (AFP) - 4 hitherto unknown painting by the Dutch impressionist paint ter Vincent Van Gogh is m

go on show at the Van Goga Museum in Amsterdam unit the end of the year. The canvas is a still life of a bunch of flowers, many of them asters, and experts think it was painted during the antumn of 1886 at the start of the artist's 1886-88 Parisian period. This was when be first began to experiment with impressionist techniques, museum spokeswoman Rianne Norbart said. The painting was bought by a Swiss family from Zurich in a flea market at Reims in northeast France after World War II. It was soon banished to an attic and it was not until a big Van Gogh exhibition in 1990 that the owner realised the importance of the picture. It was authenticated by the museum and restored in-Amsterdam where it will be displayed from Thursday through Dec. 31. The identity of the owner is being kept secret, the painting having been submitted to the museum for authentication by Zurich dealer Walter Feilchenfeldt, the only person to know who owns it. "When you own a Van Gogh, you keep it quiet," Mr. Norbart said. The museum says the still life was never varnished. and probably never framed. For that reason "the work is of major importance, since very few Van Gogh canvases have reached us in their original, untreated state," it added. The last discovery of an unknown Van Gogh was in 1990 when a couple living in Milwaukee in the United States sold at auction a still life not listed in the official catalogues. Thai customs rescues baby

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received a report from the Interior Ministry he would be unable to say whether Mr. Dary had been murdered for personal or political reasons. According to a statement later issued by Mr. Mouly, Kompong Cham, about 90 kilometres northeast of Phnom Penh. Mr. Dary was emu, a large nonflying bird, a are native to Australia.

Bolshoi performers stage protest

MOSCOW (R) - Dancers at -

went through with a threat to delay a performance.

the troubled Bolshoi Theatre

delay a performance of the

ballet Giselle by 20 minutes Thursday night in a protest against the leadership of Director Vladimir Kokonin. An unidentified performer addressed the audience from behind the curtain before the scheduled start of the bailet. telling them: "The Russian leadership is not paying art attention to our problems." A spokesman said before the . event that it would be the first protest of its kind in the Bolshoi's illustrious history, ITAR-TASS news agency said the performers went ahead with their action despite a call by Culture Minister Yevgeney Sidorov on them not to endanger the reputation of the theatre, whose name has been a bywood for excellence in ballet and opera. Ticket prices. heavily subsidised in Soviet days, are beyond the reach of average Russians. Many tickets are ony available for dollars through black marketeers or via agencies in top Moscow. The action followed months of unrest among staff over Mr. Kokonin, Late last month staff passed a motion of non-confidence in his leadership, saying he was isolated from the company and incompetent. Standards and morale have fallen at the Bolshoi as leading performers have left for careers abroad since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. The row has drawn in Russian President Boris Yelrsin, who has backed Mr. Kokonia in his plans to create a public board to oversee the theatre and to introduce a new system of payment by contract.

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day renewed for two months an 80-member U.N. observer mission in Angola and welcomed plans to boost it to a previously authorised strength of about 500 if a ceasefire holds between the

In a unanimous resolution, it also looked forward to a report by the end of January from Secretary-General Boutros Ghali with detailed plans for a much larger U.N. force, expected to number about 7,000, to help implement a peace agreement concluded last month by the two

The accord, signed in Lusaka, Zambia, on Nov. 20 after year-long negotiations, is designed to end 19 years of civil war between the Angolan government and UNITA (the National Union for the Total Independence of Ango-

A previous agreement, concluded in 1991, broke down after UNITA refused to accept defeat in U.N.monitored elections the following year. This resulted in a resumption of fighting that was caused hundreds of thousands of casualties and widespread devastation, and led to a reduction of the U.N. mission to its present level.

The Security Council, in its

U.N. backs expanded Angola force if truce holds resolution, renewed until Feb. 8 the mandate of the current U.N. Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM II), comprising some 80 unarmed military observers, police and paramedics.

It also welcomed a decision by Dr. Ghali, conveyed to the Council in a letter, that he intends to boost UN-AVEM It's strength to a previously-authorised level of 350 military observers, 126 police and 14 military medical personnel, plus support

The secretary-general's U.N. special representative for Angola, Alionne Blondin beye of Mali, told a news conference at the United Nastantive breach of the ceasefire under last month's peace accord, despite some sporadic violations.

He urged the deployment of additional U.N. observers, saying they would help consolidate the ceasefire.

Angolan Foreign Minister Venancio De Moura, who addressed the Security Council before the vote, urged the establishment of "an adequate U.N. mechanism in Angola," - a force to be called UNAVEM III, capable of strictly monitoring the ceasefire and the withdrawal, disarming and demobilisation of UNITA's troops.

Bosnian Serbs release more U.N. troops in softer stance

SARAJEVO (R) — U.N. peacekeepers said Friday Bosnian Serbs had freed more of their detained soldiers in an apparent softening of their stance towards the international community seeking an end to the 32-

month civil war. But the Serbs also showed their defiance of the U.N. and NATO by launching three missiles into the north-west Muslim enclave of Bihac Thursday night, although there were no reports of

A spokesman for the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), Colonel Jan-Dirk Merveldt, said the Serbs had released 27 U.N. military observers and 40 French soldiers around Serbheld parts of Sarajevo.

On Thursday, they re-leased 55 Canadian peacekeepers held at Ilijas, near Sarajevo, leaving some 200 U.N. troops still detained of the 500 who were seized following NATO air raids on Serb targets last month. Rebel Serbs in Croatia,

allies of their ethnic kin in Bosnia, also allowed the U.N. to send its first aid convoy to the Muslim enclave of Bihac in north-west Bosnia for two months, and another to resupply its hard-pressed

The signs of a softening towards the U.N. mission, after weeks of harassment and humiliation of the

peacekeepers by the Serbs, follow the weekend announcement by their leader Radovan Karadzic that he was prepared to reopen talks with a five-nation "contact group" on a peace plan rejected in the summer.

The U.N. said Thursday that Serb missile batteries now covered at least 40 per cent of Bosnia, posing a direct challenge to NATO planes policing a "no-fly" zone over the former Yugos-lav republic and providing close support for U.N.

The deterioration of the situation in Bosnia in recent weeks has prompted several Western governments to consider pulling out the 23,000 U.N. troops, who have been used primarily to monitor demarcation lines and escort aid conveys to civilians wholly dependent on outside help for survival.

NATO, which was asked earlier this week to draw up contingency plans for a with-drawal, said Friday it was making progress, and con-firmed it would lead such an

However NATO Secretary-General Willy Claes was quoted Friday as saying he had doubts about the possibility of such a pullout because of the dangers it

Mr. Claes told the Belgian newspaper Le Soir that the pullout would be complicated and dangerous and could require sending in large num-bers of heavily-armed troops

to get them out.
"I wonder therefore if a withdrawal is the right solution," he was quoted as

U.S. President Bill Clinton offered Thursday to provide thousands of combat troops to assist in any withdrawal, but senior U.S. government officials said they did not want the U.N. to leave Bosnia and did not believe such a move was imminent.

Serbian President Slobodan Milesevic also endorsed the United Nations mission and its humanitarian role in talks in Belgrade Thursday with U.N. special envoy Yasushi Akashi.

"It is absolutely necessary that all factors in this region assist and support the U.N. mission," Mr. Milosevic said

in a statement after the talks. Mr. Akashi also met leaders of rebel Serbs in Croatia, who control access to Bihac and blocked the latest convoys to the enclave for several hours Thursday, and they promised free passage of U.N. convoys through their territory.

The release of the Canadian peacekeepers was welcomed Friday by UNPRO-FOR spokesman Thant Myint-U, but he noted that the U.N. still faced restrictions on its movements

led for these to be lifted. He urged the Serbs in particular, to allow regular access to besieged Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia

under U.N. protection, and to guarantee the safety of flights in and out of Sarajevo. The U.N., which controls the airport, was forced to suspend its aid airlift which keeps alive the capital's 350,000 inhabitants after the Serbs threatened retaliation

Meanwhile, British Major General Rupert Smith will replace his fellowcountryman Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose as commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia when Gen. Rose's one-year term ends on Jan. 24, an officer at UNPROFOR headquarters in Zagreb con-

for last month's NATO air

firmed Friday. An official announcement is expected within the next few days, according to the officer who requested anonymity. The New York Times reported earlier Friday that Gen. Smith would succeed Gen. Rose.

Gen. Smith, 51, will head a force of 24,000 men and will take over at a time when France and Britain, the two principal contributors to the U.N. military presence, appear seriously to be contemplating withdrawing their

Doubts emerge on Delors presidential bid

Bangladesh opposition rejects Zia's offer

left one person dead and nearly 300 more injured in

violent clashes nationwide

between rival groups and

Main opposition leader Sheikh Hasina Wajed

claimed that two of her sup-

the impasse within the

framework of the constitu-

tion," Mrs. Zia said in a

speech marking the end of the 17th session of parliament

Mrs. Zia implied her latest

proposal on elections sche-

duled for early 1996 was the

best offer the opposition was

Thursday.

"Let us collectively resolve

porters had been killed.

PARIS (AFP) - Speculation mounted Friday that European Commission chief Jacques Delors will stay out of next spring's French presidential elections, despite successive opinion polls suggesting he would win.

DHAKA (AFP) — Bang-

ladesh's opposition Friday

issued a new rejection of

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's

offer to form an interim gov-

ernment that would oversee

the country's deepening poli-

tical crisis, Mrs. Zia proposed

that she head a pre-election

leadership that would include

members of the opposition.

The appeal came at the end

of a two-day anti-government

strike mounted to demand

Mrs. Zia's resignation as well

as a constitutional amend-

ment that would guarantee a

neutral government to super-

vise elections in Bangladesh. The opposition-led protest

In a move aimed at ending

the next elections.

Persistent rumours that the 69-year-old Delors has finally

Following on its disastrous performance in legislative elections last year, the party now fears that a Delors defection will leave the field wide open for the right.

The rumours snowballed in spite of the fact they had no apparent foundation except for the obvious reluctance and hesitations of the potential candidate over the past six months and the suspense Mr. Delors himself has cultivated in recent weeks.

One report said Mr. Delors had told German Chancellor Helmut Kohl of his intentions in Budapest during this week's summit of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), but did not say what it was. Mr. Kohl himself, speaking in Brussels Thursday, said he

UNITED NATIONS (R) —

The Security Council Thurs-

thought Mr. Delors would announce his decision Sunday, when he is due to be interviewed on French television. Mr. Kohl told journalists: "You will have your answer on Sunday. I think it will be an important media

In Paris, Socialist President decided not to campaign have put the wind up his Socialist tires in May at the end of his bi-second seven-year term, was more pessimistic.

Mr. Mitterrand reportedly told visitors recently that Mr. Delors's decision would come head of state added that he believed Mr. Delors did not wish to stand, but reportedly emphasised: "But this does not necessarily mean that Jacques Delors will refuse to

declare his candidacy." Among the outgoing Euro-pean Commission president's aides in Brussels, a majority appeared to believe in a Delors "no", as did former Socialist Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, who is close to

the commission chief. Expressing Socialist anguish, former Prime Minister Laurent Fabius said a Delors defection would be "an immense disappointment" for the left who would lose its only electable candi-

"We have made the max-

imum concession, as we be-

lieve in democracy and we

are ready to implement it, if

the opposition agrees," Mrs.

She said under her propos-

al, the interim government

would include five lawmakers

from the ruling Bangladesh

Nationalist Party (BNP) and

the remaining seats would be

held by the opposition, with

herself remaining the prime

similar to that made by the

BNP during the aborted

Commonwealth-brokered

talks with the opposition in

November. Mrs. Zia's poli-

tical opponents also rejected

Thursday's proposal was

Another Socialist former premier, Pierre Mauroy, said that Mr. Delors had gone too far in encouraging the hopes of the left, not to stand.

"I see such hope growing the suspense going by sayin that he will be a candidate if whe had taken his decision; bu cannot see how he can say ... not indicating which way." no to all those who are in boping, Mr. Mauroy said.

hoping," Mr. Mauroy sau. For his part, Gaullist leader and presidential candidate Jacques Chirac said in an interview he "felt in his would not be candidate "be-cause his wife (Marie) and his daughter (Socialist politician Martine Aubry) are

Doubts about the candidacy came as the sixth opinion poll in two weeks said that Mr. Delors would defeat his conservative challengers. The poll by the Louis Harris Institute for the rightwing economics weekly Valeurs Actuelles said Mr. Delors would be elected in a second round runoff due in May by 53 per cent if pitted against neo-Gaullist Prime Minister Edonard Balladur (47 per

A similar poll last month put the two neck-and-neck at 50 per cent.

people were injured in clashes nationwide which were

mainly between the government and opposition supporters (AFP photo)

that proposal.

In turning down the latest plan, an MP of the opposition Awami League (AL) said

"talks can only be held after

the government approves a constitutional amendment in

Legislators opposed to

Mrs. Zia's rule have been

boycotting parliament since March and have threatened

to resign en masse on Dec. 28

unless the supreme law of the

land is changed to provide for

The government has said that if opposition MPs resign, by-elections would be held or

the entire 330-member par-

liament would be dissolved.

the new elections scheme.

line with our demands."

Against Mr. Chirac, Mr. Delors gained five points with 59 per cent, with 41 per cent for Mr. Chirac.

Mr. Delors himself kept the suspense going by saying the had taken his decision; but

"Before taking my decision I felt bad. Now that I've taken it I feel very good," he told a press conference in Brussels, saying he would announce it "when I judge it good to do so."

In other remarks, announcing that his decision had been taken, he said he had "always done my duty, sometimes at the expense of my material situation or of my personal comfort," hinting he would stand. that advantage would stay

But if he stood down, it would be a boost for the French right and mean almost certainly a second round runoff between Mr. Balladur and Mr. Chirac. The only alternative candidate for the Socialists would be an outsider like the flamboyant former Culture Minister Jack Lang.

Rao party begins well as Indian states tally votes

NEW DELHI (R) — Four Indian states started counting votes Friday from recent assembly polls and initial results showed Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's Congress Party with a slight

The elections in the southern states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are crucial for Mr. Rao's leadership within the fractious Congress. The small states of Goa and Sikkim also voted for their state assemblies.

All four states were ruled by Mr. Rao's Congress. Early resutls from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh showed Congress Party chief ministers leading with comfortable majorities, but it was still too early to say whether

More than 60 per cent of the 75 million-strong electorate in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa and Sikkim states cast their votes in polls staggered over two weeks to allow heavy security forces to fan out.

with Mr. Rao's party.

Vote counting began at 0230 GMT. The final results to be declared over the Politicians have said Mr.

Rao's authority could suffer if, as many predict, his Con-gress Party is dealt a setback in the two biggest states, Andhra Pradesh and Karna-

"The state polls will be a major pointer to the next important national agenda, the general elections," said Somnath Chaterjee, leader of the Communist Party of India (Markist) in the lower house. General elections are set for

The government denied a front-page report in a leading newspaper Friday that Mr. Rao may be suffering from lung and heart problems and had been advised to restrict

Chissano: Peace to stay in Mozambique

MAPUTO (R) — Joaquim Chissano, Mozambique's president since 1986, was sworn in for a new five-year term Friday with a pledge that peace would last in the war-weary southern African

country. This spectre of war has been removed. Peace has come to stay," he told a crowd of thousands in Maputo's Independence Square, among them his former civil

war rival Afonso Dhlakama, leader of the main opposition RENAMO party. He also made a plea for

reconciliation. "This is a time for us to continue healing all our wounds and overcome distrust. We must know how to begin a new relationship, without preconceptions and without rancour. We must bury forever our hatreds and

At Thursday's formal opening of parliament Mr. Chissano said the 16-year war between his ruling FRELI-MO party and the former rebel RENAMO was over and now was the time for

fruitful dialogue. Mr. Chissano won the October presidential poll with 53 per cent of the 5.4 million votes cast, against Mr. Dhlakam's 34 per cent.

Murayama rules out early elections

TOKYO (R) -- Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama Friday ruled out "for the time being" an early general election or cabinet reshuffle, saying Japan needed a period of stability to tackle pressing domestic and foreign issues.

In a state-of-the-nation style news conference at the end of the 1994 parliamentary session, Mr. Murayama said his goals for next year were to draft an austerity budget and streamline Japan's bloated bureaucracy.

For the time being, I have no plans to dissolve parliament or reshuffle the cabinet," he said on the last day of the current 66-day on of parliament.

Mr. Murayama said voters needed time to take in the drastic changes in Japan's political landscape, including the formation this week of the country's newest and largest opposition group, the

New Frontier Party (NFP).

The NFP, combining nine opposition parties, elected former Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu as its leader Thursday, with powerbroker Ichiro Ozawa as deputy. The party will be formally launched in

Saturday.

It will be the second largest party in parliament behind the long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), part of Socialist Prime Minister Murayama's coalition government.

an inaugural convention

"We cannot afford a political vacuum at a time of mounting domestic and fore-ign issues," Mr. Murayama said in ruling out early elections or government changes. He did not elaborate on the foreign issues facing his gov-

ernment Elections need not be called until 1997 but most political analysts believe polls could be held as early as next

Mr. Murayama urged fellow Socialists not to split the party in favour of a new "pacifist, liberal" party, as some of them have suggested. "The important thing is that the entire Socialist Party moves towards such a political force," he said. "Faction-based moves are not the way to do it and most of the party is basically in agreement over this."

Rightwingers have threatened to quit the Socialist Party to from a new third political force in the face of a slowly emerging two-party system of rival conservative

Mr. Murayama paid tribute to his coalition partners, the LDP and the small Sakigake Party, for their help in getting four major bills passed during the session.

They include the GATT world trade treaty, political reforms, a tax overhaul and a long-pending plan to compensate victims of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

On the next fiscal year's budget beginning in April, Mr. Murayama vowed he would make no exceptions in cutting spending.

"We are bound to seek an austerity budget because we are suffering from three year of tax revenue shortfalls. I will drastically seek cuts in all

forms of spending."
The government bill, to be adopted on Dec. 25, would be sent to parliament when the forum reconvenes in late

The total 1994/95 state budget totalled 73.08 trillion yen (\$730 billion).

In another bid to cut costs, Mr. Murayama promised action on streamlining government bureaucracy, especially the abolition of outdated government-affiliated public

corporations. Mr. Murayama said his government would adopt a comprehensive, five-year deregulation plan by the end of March that will aim to reduce sovernment control of distribution and other business

activities. The Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), a medium-sized party formed 35 years ago, dissolved itself Friday to join the New Frontier Party, an alliance gathering all of Japan's non-Communist

opposition groups. Of the party's 26 MPs and senators, 24 DSP members have said they will join the new alliance, while the remaining two have said they will continue in parliament as independents.

The New Frontier, which will be inaugurated Satu**rday**, gathers 10 parties and politic-

groups.
The DSP was a member of the seven-party governing coalition of Prime Ministers Morihiro Hosokawa and Tsutomu Hata, which ruled from August 1993 to June this

It is distinct from the Social Democratic Party headed by the current premier, Tomiichi Murayama, **which** has joined in a coalition with the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Sakigake, also known as the Pioneer Party.



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Link in chain of rights

JORDAN HOSTS today yet another forum on human rights under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. Entitled "Rights and Humanity," and organised by the Institute of Diplomacy and the International Movement of Rights and Humanity, the meeting will serve as a sign of this country's continued commitment to a more responsible and balanced promotion and protection of human rights. Crown Prince Hassan's statement to the participants will help set the tone for the deliberations that are expected to scan the lingering divergent perspectives about human rights across the world. The new High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ayala Lasso, willalso address the gathering as a symbol of the international concern about how best to promote those rights worldwide.

The underlying purpose of the conference is to encourage multi-faith and multi-cultural roundtable discussions on human rights in view of the difficulties that some religions and cultures have encountered in meeting their obligations under the various international treaties and conventions. At stake is of course the universality of human rights, a concept the Vienna World Conference made a daring attempt to define and impose on all cultures and religions last year. The Vienna conference's recommendations about the miversality of basic human rights remain contested by many countries whose religion or culture is at odds with some of the rinciples of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the ensuing covenants that codified these principles into legally binding provisions.

Against this backdrop, today's roundtable conference on rights and humanity would be making yet another determined effort to bridge the existing gap between the current perspectives by promoting a more effective inderstanding of the differences of views still intertained by Islamic societies on human rights in general. No doubt discrimination on the basis of gender and freedom of religion would highlight the debate in view of the slamic principled position on some aspects of these issues. The debate on these and other elated subjects would therefore enrich the ongoing efforts to promote human rights to he extent that a more enlightened awareness and appreciation of the differences between countries on the issue is realised.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

\ WRITER in Al Ra'i daily attributed the deadlock in eaching agreemant between Israel and Syria to Israel's dament stands which are influenced by domestic affairs. Johammad Kharroub said that the Rabin government is acing stiff resistence on the part of the Likud opposition gainst any withdrawal from the Golan and is witnessing plits within the ranks of the Labour Party itself over this ssue. Furthermore, Mr. Rabin is ruling with a minority ead in parliament and is in dire need for expanding the rase of his coalition and trying to win the favour of the maller parties and listening to their views some of which appose the idea of withdrawals from the Golan, said the vriter. Kharroub said that Yitzhak Rabin is treading very arefully on this matter lest a blunder or miscalculation bould have adverse effects on the outcome of the coming parliamentary elections in Israel. For its part, Damascus is aking time to think matters over and has all the right to tick to its demands for a full withdrawal in exchange for ull peace with Israel, said the writer. He said that the syrians are watching to see whether the Israelis would keep eir promises and make real advances towards peace in light of their agreements with Jordan and the Palestinians before committing themselves to peace with the Jewish

MOHAMMAD DAOUD, a writer in Al Dustour called on the concerned authorities to refrain from issuing licences for more universities in Jordan. The country abounds with private universities which turn out thousands of people who annot find employment, said Mohammad Daoud. The vriter said that many of the private institutions are perating on a purely commercial basis and are no concentrating their efforts towards promoting higher education but are seeking immediate profits and charging exorbitant fees. The majority of Jordanians cannot afford to pay the very high fees charged by these private iniversities whose main aim, he charged, is to make profits. The writer said that the Ministry of Higher Education ought to conduct a survey and examine the real situation and the actual needs of various districts of higher educational institutions before allowing investors to carry out university projects. At least, he said, the ministry can wait for several years to study and to examine the situation and the results in the present universities before issuing

JORDANIAN PERSPECTIVE

Peace with Israel -- no other choice for the Kingdom

GEOPOLITICAL AND strategic imperatives cou; d with economic considerations were behind Jordan's m e to enter a peace treaty with Israel ahead of its A b partners, Syria and Lebanon, which remain deadlocke n their track of negotiations with Israel.

The signing of the peace treaty in a solemn ceremony site straddling the Jordanian-Israeli desert border in south near the Red Sea port of Aqaba on Oct. 25 mea totally new beginning for Jordan whose very existence often brought to question over the past 46 years

often brought to question over the past 46 years.

Peace or war with Israel had always been a structure of Arab countries. But unlike all other A states, it was not a foreign policy issue for Jordan; it very much a "domestic policy" issue because of the he Palestinian content in the Jordanian population and Jordanian role in the West Bank until Israel occupied territory in the 1967 wars.

Under the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty, Israel, for first time since it was created in 1948, accepted that a eastern borders are with Jordan as opposed to my ultranationalist Zionists' view that the state of Israel content of the Euphrates River, an area that would incontent of the Euphrates River, and area that would incontent of the Euphrates River River

all of Jordan and part of Iraq.

Far-fetched and isolated from reality as that theory be, fears always ran high in Jordan that Israel, ranked; in world military might, could invade it and bring about imposed solution to the Palestinian problem at Jordexpense, by declaring the Kingdom the "Palestinomeland."

As late as 1990, Israel's dominant Likud Party wa advocate of the "Jordan is Palestine" theory. Jordan has do something to do away with this thinking. Its effor: a achieve this goal have been going on since 1950 who announced a union between the East and West banks c: a Piver Jordan

Fuelling the Jordanian fears were also signs that some the extremist right-wing Palestinian shared the Lik surery

It is essential that the course of history be exam: d before an assessment be made on the impact of the petreaty on Jordan.

A closer look at the various factors that prompted for an action of the petron of the p

A closer look at the various factors that prompted Jor to take the risk of being labelled treacherous by signir a separate peace treaty with Israel without waiting for S and Lebanon would indicate several key points influenced King Programmed by significant and percentil reight.

Jordan, surrounded by giant and powerful neighb s Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Israel, always resorted a two-track approach to ensure its survival: a partner with a strong regional power and an alliance with external power. The Kingdom's relations with Egypt un Jamal Abdul Nasser during the 1960s, with Syria in mid-70s and with Iraq during the 80s were and shoul seen as the manifestations of its desire to have a regi

On the external front, Jordan established an exce! the relationship with the United States in the 60s and makes the trained it until 1979 when the ties became a little strained because of King Hussein's refusal to join the Camp Dispeace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

While Washington seemed to understand the contr. sthat turned Jordan away from Camp David despite ! Hussein's keen desire to enter peace with Israel, Ameri-Jordanian relations were cool after the Egyptian-Is: agreement.

Seeing its alliance with the U.S. fade away, King Hus turned to Europe and built strong links with most mem: of the European Union. Foremost among them is Germ which contributed \$429 million in loans and subsidies to Kingdom. He also sought to cement a new relation with the then Soviet Union and bought Russian air defice equipment in 1987 after Washington turned down an a package for the Kingdom.

Jordanian-European relations improved considerate during the 1980s at the expense of the American-Jordan alliance, and Washington sought to bring King Huse back into the U.S. orbit through new peace initiate drawn largely from the Camp David agreements. B. always linked better relations with Jordan to King Hosein's acceptance of a political compromise with Isresen's acceptance of a political compromise with Isresomething Jordan could ill afford, given that its representative status was diluted and the Palestine Liberative of the Palestinian peacle.

representative of the Palestinian people.

Any Jordanian move to make unilateral peace with Is 1

thout the PLO, meaning the realisation of the Palestinian est to liberate the West Bank and Gaza Strip and setting a state there, would have inevitably led to serious itemal problems in the Kingdom, whose population is shaded many Palestinians who always harboured hopes of

Having made little headway with new peace initiatives in early 80s, the U.S. sought to bring new warmth to its ations with Jordan in the 80s by increasing aid to the source-poor Kingdom. But before the efforts could bear all fruit, the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 not brought about a total halt to the American approach Jordan but also led Washington politically to isolate rdan, whose refusal to join the U.S.-led military coalition ainst Iraq was misunderstood as support for the invasion

The Europeans also distanced themselves from Jordan, I aving a serious vacuum in King Hussein's strategy of recintaining alliance with international powers as part of the defensive shield of the Kingdom.

As the international coalition waged war and evicted I ag from Kuwait in early 1991, and went about systematically to ensure that Iraq would not reemerge as a strong I gional power for the foreseeable future, Jordan also I and itself deprived of the key regional ally it was counting

Ling Hussein could not turn to Syria's Hafez Al Assad.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd or Egypt's Hosni Mubarak to

ume, from the Jordanian perspective, the vacant slot,

coe Jordan's relations with all the three were seriously

solved as a result of misreading Jordan's position during

Indeed, it was a God-send gift for Jordan when the Bush a ministration launched a new Arab-Israeli peace initiative in mid-1991. King Hussein was the first Arab leader to join a initiative. The monarch, obviously finding the initiative an opportunity to improve ties with the U.S. and the st, also influenced PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat to join peace process that was eventually launched with an incrnational conference in Madrid, Spain, in October

iordan and the PLO attended the Madrid conference as a pint delegation and, along with Syria and Lebanon, I inched separate tracks of negotiations with Israel. Little pagess was visible in the peace process, although it was are that Jordan and Israel could have solved their blems and made peace at a much faster pace than all the peace of the peace than all the peace are much faster pace than all the peace process. But deadlock after deadlock in the Israeli-liestinian track continued to hold back Jordan from a ting ahead in its track of negotiations.

lowever, when the PLO opted to go on its own and otiate a secret deal with Israel, away from media elight and without coordinating with any of its Arab mers. Jordan found itself free from the self-imposed estraints. As such, it signed an agenda with Israel lining the key points of a peace agreement on Sept. 14, 4, one day after the PLO and Israel formlaised their rim autonomy deal at the White House.

in fact, the Israel-PLO autonomy accord effectively for a Jordan to pursude its own course of action since, for a practical and technical purposes, the PLO had taken to in the decision-making process of the Palestinians.

Again, Jordan waited until the Palestinians launched

Again, Jordan waited until the Palestinians launched conomy in parts of the occupied territories before ving ahead in its track. In June, one month after the O and Israel signed another accord on modalities of estinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, Jordan Israel moved their negotiations to the Middle East in Washington and in July, King Hussein met with eli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and issued the shington declaration, ending the 46-year state of bellicency between them and accelerating the pace of peace

Lubsequently, the two sides worked out the peace treaty, sed it on Oct. 26 and formally exchanged the documents ratification of the treaty on Nov. 10.

n terms of its rights, Jordan gained the return of the titory that Israel had occupied since 1948 and 1968 and the acceptance of a fair formula for sharing the water purces of the region. But the Kingdom's diplomatic, itical and economic gains are much more significant. The very fact that it was the PLO which took unilteral some without Arab coordination vindicates and justifies Jordan's decision to make peace with Israel.

For all technical purposes, the PLO, in its capacity as the

sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people took responsibility for its own actions, and Jordan could not be blamed for the consequences of the PLO's decision and actions, according to Jordanian thinking. In other words, if the PLO fails to realise the Palestinian aspiration for independent statehood, then it should be the PLU leadership that should be held accountable, not Jordan

By extension, it meant that King Hussein is in a safposition to tell his Palestinian subjects to turn to PLI chairman Arafat for their political rights on Palestinia land but to behave as Jordanian citizens with all that such status entails as long as they remain on Jordanian land.

On the regional front, the Jordanian-Israeli peace treat effectively ended the political isolation that Jordan face, since the Gulf crisis. The pre-crisis warmth in Jordan relations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait has not beer restored yet, but it is only a matter of time now, given the influence that the U.S. wields with the Gulf states. Jordan could now be counted as one of the strong Arab counties in the region.

It was also clear to the rest of the Arab World that Syri: was articulating its own terms for peace with Israel and that if the decision had been left to Damascus, Jordan work have found itself under the Syrian political domination of which King Hussein has had ample experience during the mid-70s when Jordanian-Syrian relations were at their peak. No need to lag behind.

Despite all assurances and pledges from Syria about nobreaking Arab ranks, Jordan was also fearful that its track of negotiations with Israel would be abandoned if Syriawere to accept any of the U.S.-mediated Israeli proposalbefore the Kingdom managed to address its concerns with Israel.

In such a course of events, the focus would have shifted entirely to the Syrian-Israeli track of negotiations and Jordan would have been sidelined until Syria and Israel worked out a peace accord. That would have also meant a weakening of the Jordanian bargaining position.

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By the same token, Syria's joining the peace bandwagorwould have also meant another claimant to the economic
benefits of peace, another key consideration behing

Jordan's decision to enter the treaty with Israel.

With an economy burdened by a nearly \$7 billion foreign debt and denied any infusion of significant aid, Jordan barfew options but to rebuild its bridges with the West. Bur beyond that, mindful of the generous aid the U.S. gave Egypt and Israel as a reward for their Camp David agreement, the Kingdom also saw a peace accord with Israel as one of the means to address its economic work.

Besides, there was Jordan's awareness that its geopolitic al location in the great land-bridge between Europe and Asia qualified it to play a major role in regional economic if its could offer the right ingredients to attract foreign investment — a key element any move to address unemployment and poverty.

King Hussein and his heir apparent, Crown Princa Hassan, have repeatedly affirmed that peace would not be sustinable unless the man on the street felt an improvemen in living standards and the emergence of a new political and economic environment which allows free enterprise and "optimisation" of the human potential for development An improvement in living standards and addressing the problems of poverty and unemployment are the key factor Jordan sees as the effective to the strong opposition to the peace treaty put by Muslim fundamentalist and leftis parties in the country.

parties in the country.

It is true that many of the Palestinian living in Jorda: found solace in the rhetorics of the anti-peace group-particularly the Islamic Action Front, Jordan's stronges Muslim fundamentalist group.

But resignation of accepting the inevitability of peacwith Israel rather than pursuing a confrontational approacis the dominant feeling among Jordanians of Palestinian origin.

Recent opinion poll conducted by the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan found that S per cent of Jordanians supported the peace treaty, but also that the support could wane unless peace was accompanied by economic benefits for the people

by economic benefits for the people.

The stage for international aid and foreign investment is Jordan was set at a conference held in Casablanca Morocco, Oct. 30 - Nov. 1. Amman will host a follow-up conference in mid-1995, when it is hoped that some of the \$18 billion worth of projects that Jordan presented in Casablanca could be advanced in terms of financing needs

THE WEEK IN PRINT

Israel proves inten on perpetuating presence in Arab territories

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE LOCAL Arabic press gave prominence in the past week to Israel's practices in the occupied Arab lands, the prospects of the peace process and domestic affairs.

Nawaf Zaru, a columnist in Al Dustour, accused Israel of pursuing efforts to consolidate its hold on the occupied Palestinian lands by opening highways to link the Jewish settlements and by taking measures to ensure the safety of their residents whose presence in the Arab lands will, under Israel's plan, continue to defy the Arab rights and

The writer said that the huge highways under construction are also intended to encircle the Arab towns and population settlements in a carefully planned military plot to continue the process of subjugating the Arab population.

Instead of showing its readiness to withdraw from the occupied lands as provided for in the peace agreements with the Palestinians, the Israelis are intent on perpetuating their presence in Arab territories, said the writer.

Mohammad Subeihi, a columnist in Al Dustour, criticised statements by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in which he said Islamic fundamentalism constituted a grave danger to the Middle East

The writer said that Mr. Peres has cited the actions of Islamists in Gaza, Lebanon and Algeria to support

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Tareq Masarweh, a lumnist in Al Ra'i de v., referred to Crown Pring Hassan's recent talks with the European Union leaders, saying that they aimed at ensuring Europe's partnership in the pearlmaking process and n

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fin using the reconstructic process in our region. e Israelis counted all the past decades in U.S. fir ancial, economic and in itary assistance while the Arabs remained in the dark, not acquring any meaningful help from the

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over a settlement and chose

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for the lack of what he called real progress in their peace talks with the levelis

To cover up for his failure to reach a Syrian-Israeli settlement, Mr. Christopher chose to blame the Palestine National Authority (PNA) for what he claimed was its failure to ensure security for the Israelis and the Jewish settlements, said Qallab.

The writer said the U.S.

secretary realises that the PNA was doing all it could to control the security situation and that the Israelis are finding a pretext in resistance activities outside the self-rule areas to perpetuate their presence on Arab land. He added that Mr. Christopher's statements can by no means contribute to any

progress in the aspired peace process.

Referring to the resignation of Deputy Premier Thougan Hindawi, a columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily said it was motivated by the failure on the part of the government to handle the chronic domestic issues in a satisfactory manner. Sultan Al Hattab said

Sultan Al Hattab said that individual ministers cannot be blamed for the failure but rather the whole team of Cabinet ministers who should have worked in unison to deal with the many social and economic

The writer said the resignation now opens the way for a new government reshuffle or a new government to take over.

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A writer in Al Ra'l criticised the Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) for suspending telephonservices to homes of 18,000 subsribers at a time when the kingdom was affected by a snowstorm when citizens normally need the telephone service for emergencies.

By Philippe Delabarre

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By Candice Hughes

The Associated Press

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How the Parisians lived 6,000 years ago

By Dr. Musa Kellan

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Like many big state enterprises, Red October has had N OSCOW - Don't ask a tough time since the Soviet collapse. But this 127-yearold confectioner isn't about

In a short while Monday, the sprawling red-brick factory in the heart of Moscow will become the first former state company to sell shares to the general public, officials have announced.

Money raised through the landmark stock offering part of a pilot programme aimed at showing other Russian companies how such a thing is done - will be used to modernise its plant and market its sweets.

Red October has, Mr. Daursky says with a certain understatement, "had its ups and downs" since it was founded in 1867 by a German

Europeans ponder future

(Continued from page 1) ce of its policy on Bosnia, is ing to face the reality of

the fragility of its security statures in the post-cold w r era. While Europeans there was little they could on Bosnia because of their reparedness for tackling situation there when it t emerged and before it 8: w beyond control, they acknowledge that it will be a king way before they can d velop new security structeres and common defence Policies in light of the various

neighbours.

The mode here was one of optimism on Bosnia with nothing more than a call on parties to the Bosnian conflict to resort to dialogue and expressions of support for the work of the contact group expected, from the summit.

"Nobody has a solution to the Bosnian situation. The summit will not come with one," a Western diplomat told the Jordan Times. He said Europe seems to have reconciled itself to the fact that its options are limited in Bosnia

master confectioner.

Excavations in Paris prove that the town was settled 6,000 years B.C.

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For more than a century,

pottery has been an invalu-

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sians of the Neolithic era, did

not use potters' wheels and so

their pots were made by hand

from rings of clay piled up on

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discovered that by firing their

pots, they could obtain reci-

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waterproof and fire-resistant.

This made it possible to cook

and to keep food, even food

which was liquid or semi-

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ing-stones and mortars

There was the Bolshevik revolution, when the factory was nationalised. There was World War II, when hundreds of workers were sent to the front. There was the 20 per cent tax on imported sugar levied this year. And then there was Mars

and Snickers and Bounty. But Red October officials — and their British advisers insist the company's chocolates, toffees and caramels have a solid niche in the Russian market.

To many Muscovites, Red October products like Mishka (clumsy bear) chocolates. Little Cow caramels, romance bonbons and Kis-Kis toffees are tender reminders of childhood treats and

family gatherings.

Red October sweets are savoured, Mr. Danrsky insists, not wolfed down on the run like an American candy bar. Red October seems at least equal in quality to American sweets, but buying the imported stuff is the trend.

Red October cultivates its role as a national institution; the company museum is like a quick tour through Russian history.

It is crammed with memorabilia, from brocaded boxes from the days when the fac-tory supplied sweets to the czar's household to red velvet flags emblazoned with the communist hammer and sick-

The 70 billion ruble (\$21.8 million) stock offering could give Red October a new lease

on life. Mr. Daursky says half the plant's equipment is obsolete. Packaging and dis-tribution also need improve-

almost certainly means that they prepared flour and soup based on cereals and legumi-

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Red October will offer 3.5 million shares to Russian and foreign investors at 20,000 rubles, about \$6.25, a share for two weeks beginning Monday.

Officials hope the stock offer will set an example for a nation still somewhat befoddled by the whole concept of investing. Millions of Russians seeking quick riches have been defrauded by flyby-night funds and thinly dis-

guised pyramid schemes. Red October, officials say, won't make anyone rich overnight, but it won't vanish overnight either. Red October posted a profit of 71.2 billion rubles (\$22.3 million) in the first half of 1994.

"This is a very strong company and it is well led," said Richard Oliver of the Samuel Montagu Investment Bank in London, an adviser to Red October. When the Soviet Union

started falling apart, Red October faced the collapse of the planned economy. What if there were no more imported nuts? What if the transport system collapsed? Mr. Daursky said he braced for every dire eventuality he could imagine.

What he got was an onslaught from Mars. Red October seems determined to fight back. "We want to compete with Mars," Mr. Daurskys said, "We want to compete in the West."

Carmakers' dream becomes Asia's traffic nightmare ---

By Sharon Singleton Reuter

HONG KONG — Asia's booming economies are a carmakers' dream, but with gridlocked traffic and chronic air pollution that dream has collided head-on with an environmental nightmare.

Asia's major cities are reaching crisis point as traffic congestion becomes the number one priority for govern-ments grappling with the dilemma of rapidly developing economies outpacing in-frastructure development.

But for car manufacturers, whose domestic economies are only now struggling out of recession, the new-found spending power in a region with more than half the world's population is too good an opportunity to miss. General Motors, Mercedes

Benz, Toyota and Honda are some of the big names looking to take advantage of cheap labour and low production costs by setting up manufacturing bases in Asia.

While governments are eager for the investment, the egendary traffic snarls and pollution — so bad that Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia spent much of the summer enveloped in thick smog — have forced an urgent rethink.

In Bangkok, where the traffic and pollution problems are the region's worst, new car and motor bike sales are growing at 13 per cent annually compared with just one per cent growth in new

The sales are booming despite a 257 per cent tax on imported vehicles with engines bigger than 3,000 cc.

In a belated effort to tackle the problem, the government is introducing 210 vehicle testing centres to eliminate defective vehicles, but any strict enforcement of emission levels is thought to be

Work has also begun on an elevated rail system for the Thai capital after years of wrangling, and a new motor-way to the airport is scheduled to open in December.

But most observers agree the problem is likely to continue for the near future. Indonesia, where traffic problems are rapidly approaching the scale of Bangkok, is enjoying an un-precedented car sales boom and is wooing actively invest-

ment in the sector.

Car sales are expected to hit 300,000 this year against 215,000 in 1993, with September sales hitting a two-year high.

Jakarta's traffic congestion was highlighted in November, when it hosted the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. Indonesians were given a two-day holiday to help clear the capital's streets and allow the motorcades of world leaders to pass unob-

Nonetheless, General Motors of the United States has set up a joint venture to assemble Opel cars. It hopes to sell 5,500 next year. Mercedes-Benz began making its first Asian-built small truck in Jakarta in June.

The story is the same in India, where an economic reform programme has opened up the closed car sector to foreign investment, triggering a rush to capture a share of one of the world's largest potential markets.

Carmakers such as General Motors, Suzuki, Peugeot, Rover and Mercedes Benz have recently signed joint venture agreements in India but will be churning cars onto chaotic, hopelessly overcrowded roads

India has 25 million vehicles, which will grow to 32 million in 1996 and 49 million in 2001. But this does not take into account the bicycles, bullock carts and other conveyances that clutter the streets

The first concrete effort to reduce pollution will be the rol by April 1, 1996. A recent attempt to ensure all cars had 'pollution under control' stickers glued to their wind-shields fell by the wayside after a few months because there was no one to enforce

The Hong Kong govern-ment is eyeing an electronic road toll system similar to one used in the Norwegian capital Oslo to combat a growing traffic problem that has slowed cars heading for the harbour tunnels linking Hong Kong island to Kow-loon Peninsula to just 10 kph

slower than a bicycle. The government has also proposed a stiff increase in the tax on new cars to 70 per cent of its total value, from a current 40-60 per cent. Annual licence fees would rise 40 per cent.

Just 13 per cent of households own a car in Hong Kong, but there is one vehicle for each 3.7 metres of road space. Private vehicles are growing at a rate of 10 per

In the Philippines, where cars sales have grown an average 30 per cent over the last two years. Manila officials are planning to enforce travel restrictions on a main thoroughfare in peak hours.

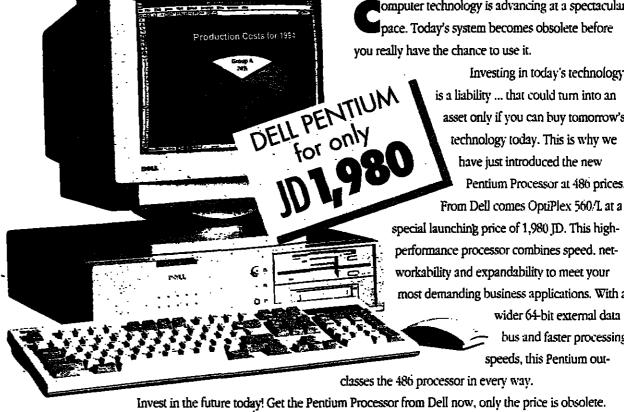
The officials are also considering a pooling system that would ban cars from the main highways unless they are carrying four passengers.

Only Singapore has managed to escape the Asian traffic nightmare, introducing draconian measures to combat pollution and congestion. To help traffic flow

smoothly, the government has spent Singapore dollars 1.5 billion (\$1 billion) to build and upgrade roads in the last five years. It plans another Singapore dollars 1.5 billion for roads over the next five years, according to the reg istry of vehicles. Singapore also has a cat

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Saudi Arabia cuts spending by another 20%

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) — Saudi Arabia is to reduce its public spending by another 20 per cent next year as it grapples with an economic crisis triggered by a fall in oil revenues and

the bill from the Gulf war. King Fahd, in a speech reported Friday, said: ' cut this year's budget by 20 per cent and we are going to reduce it by another 20 per

The details of the reduction will be contained in the 1995 budget to be published later this month.

The king acknowledged that his country was facing treasury difficulties but blamed it on the bill for financing the 1991 Gulf war estimated at more than \$50 billion, of which a part has still to be paid.

A U.S. military expert based in Riyadh told AFP that "the Saudis are being forced more and more to tighten their belts to stop the collapse of their economy and halt an increasing slump in business.

"A number of the country's sectors are feeling the weight of the economic crisis and hundreds of businesses are complaining of difficulties in payments," he added refusing to be named.

He warned the difficulties could hit the "Saudi oil and petrochemicals industry and reduce oil revenues which finance more than 80 per cent

of the state budget. Saudi Arabia cut expenditure from around \$52.53 billion in 1993 to \$42.66 billion

crisis in the country, the world's biggest oil producer and exporter, has been linked to the fall in crude prices. It drove the government to cut its 1994 budget by 20 per cent following years of run-ning a deficit, and to privatise some public services.

A banker working in Saudi Arabia said that the government has been "forced to take out bank loans to honour its commitments to several foreign firms."

However, King Fahd sought to contain fears saying "the Saudi economy is not unstable." "Our currency is 100 per cent guaranteed, and our reserves are secure," he

But he added the economic crisis could last a few more years. "In two or three years we will no longer need anybody, we shall be selfsufficient and we shall have a very solid budget," he said.

The U.S. expert said "the Saudis may be forced in the near future to set up a tax system but it will have a negative effect on the foreign workforce."

The United States, which has major arms and other contracts with Saudi Arabia. recently called on the government to cut spending, drop state subsidies and diversify its industry, in order to contain the deficit.

The foreign debt is about \$70 billion and Riyadh has asked Washington to delay repayments on two major contracts signed in September worth some \$70 billion.

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Japan's service prices much higher than in U.S. and S. Korea

TOKYO (AFP) — Industrial service prices in Japan, such as real estate and transportation, are 1.63 times higher than in the United States and 5.67 times higher than in South Korea, a government report has showed.

Prices of raw materials and other industrial goods were 1.14 times higher in Japan than in the United States, and 1.41 times than in South Korea, according to the trade and industry minister's monitoring in the six months to September.

Compared with Germany, Japanese service prices were 1.72 times higher and industrial good prices were up 1.03

The price gaps reflect the stronger yen, high labour costs, rigid government regulations and exclusive business practices in Japan. They said the gaps were causing many Japanese

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Currency Outlook

Overview

Fundamental View: The rapid flattening of the U.S. yield curve and the rise of the dollar in recent weeks suggest increased confidence among investors that the Fed is serious about slowing the economy and will take whatever action needed in coming quarters to slow economic growth to under 2.5 per cent. Following Fed's 75-basis point rate hike in mid-November, we recently changed our forecast towards a neutral view of the dollar against European currencies, the centre of gravity for the DM/USD rate expected to be in the DM/USD 1.50-1.60 range for the next 12 months. A move toward tighter monetary policy in Germany sometime next year is likely to keep the dollar from rallying strongly against the Deutschemark.

We have not changed our forecast for the dollar against the yen, which has typically been far less sensitive to interest rate developments than the European currencies. We continue to expect that the reluctance of Japanese investors to finance the nation's current account surplus will bring further upward pressure on the yen in 1995, and look for yen to trade at JPY/92 in 12 months.

Technical View: The week ended Dec. 2 saw the U.S. dollar index post week-to-week gains for the sixth consecurive time. The index has not put together rally of this length since the summer of 1991. Last week's gain came at the expense of the European currencies and the Japanese yen; the greenback fell against both the Australian and Canadian dollars. Most importantly, the index is challenging 89.00-91.00 resistance and, therefore, the underlying post-February downtrend.

With medium momentum still constructive, higher highs appear indicated. However, short term momentum appears overbought and deteriorating. Moreover, sentiment for the dollar, while not excessive, is deteriorating noticeably. This suggests that a pullback (within the rally trend) may be

We are inclined to raise first support against-to the 88.00 area-on the premise that a break of that level would be a good sign a correction is under way; benchmark support exists at 84.91.

Japanese yen

Fundamental View: The dollar has moved up to the JPY/USD 100 level in recent days, boosted by improved sentiment towards the dollar following the Republican victory in U.S. mid-term elections and the Fed's larger-thanexpected 75 basis point rate hike on Nov. 15. A spate of strong U.S. economic reports recently has also given the dollar a boost by implying that still more Fed tightening will be needed next year.

Another potential positive for the dollar is that U.S. capital outflows could begin to slow as U.S. mutual fund investments slow or reverse their purchase of mutual funds and begin to keep their money close to home in the form of

All of these factors may convince current speculators to borrow yen to buy dollars, which could give the dollar a

further boost in the near term. However, we still think that any potential dollar rally against the yen is likely to be short-lived because of the reluctance inability of Japanese investors to finance trade deficits of the U.S. and dollar-linked currencies. Net private capital outflows from Japan continue to run far below the nation's current account surplus. So even though the surplus is beginning to contract,

downward pressure on the dollar could persist for some time. Expectations of our economists in Tokyo that the Bank of Japan raise interest rates by 100 basis points over the next year are also a potential negative for the dollar, as are concerns that U.S. politics could turn highly confrontational next year as Republican's revisit Whitewater related invesions. We continue to expect the dollar to trade as low tigations. We continue to expect the bullar to the IPY/USD 92 yen over the next 6-to-12 months.

Technical View: The Japanese yen fell 1.9 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Dec. 2 and was the weakest of the six major currencies we regularly discuss. Sentiment has begun to improve, but is still viewed as neutral. While the currency has only marginally broken down from a trading range that has been in force since July, it has decisively moved below the post-February uptrend

Momentum is still only neutral, but appears have the potential to have a downward bias for perhaps two more months. This would suggest an upcoming penetration of 100-101 Y/U.S.3 support; a move would set the stage for further weakness to 105-107. With the above mind, resistance at 96-97 takes on added significance.

Deutschemark

Fundamental View: The dollar was little changed in the last week, continuing to trade near DM/USD 1.57. It looks increasingly likely that the dollar has bottomed against the mark now that the Fed's inflation fighting credibility appears to have been restored. For most of this year, markets have regarded the Fed as being "behind the curve" on inflation and consequently investors preferred to hold marks rather than dollars. Market participants now seem inclined to believe that the Fed means business in its turn towards a more restrictive monetary policy.

Due to this sea-change in sentiment, we recently revised our outlook for the dollar-mark exchange rate from being negative to the dollar versus the mark to having a neutral stance. An important wild for the dollar is whether or not the massive amounts of capital outflows have left the U.S. in search of higher returns-largely via mutual funds-slow or reverse in the next year as bank deposite rates here in the U.S. rise. If outflows slow, as expected, the dollar should stabilise. If capital outflows actually reverse as Americans try to repatriate their foreign investments, the dollar could conceivably rally further. That said, it should not help the dollar if the Bundesbank begins to tighten monetary policy next year, as we expect. And recent concerns about systemic problems in the U.S. financial system tied to derivatives osses cannot be viewed as a plus for the dollar.

For the time being, we maintain a neutral stance and expect the dollar with a centre of gravity in the DM/USD 1.55-1.60 range over the next 12 months.

Technical View: The Deutschemark declined 1.3 per cont against the U.S. dollar last-week and has begun to move below the post-February uptrend channel. Sentiment is improving, and is now near oversold levels. Momentum is moving towards neutral, and still seems to have the potential to remain under pressure well into 1995. These points suggest that a potentially important medium top is in place.

Although the 1.38 DM/U.S.\$ level still has to be moni-

tored, further weakness through 1.595 would lay the groundwork for a move towards 1.68. Benchmark resistance remains at 1.486, but there is now intervening resistance at 1.544-1.547. Against the yen, the D-mark gained 0.6 per cent last week. Medium term oscillators remain under pressure, suggesting a potential test of the lows of the long term-trading range. That range generates support at of 60, with resistance above 66.50.

Pound sterling

Fundamental View: The British pound rose on news that the Bank of England raised the base lending rate today, up 50 basis points to 6.25 per cent. The pound rose against the mark and the dollar. And increase in rates of this magnitude was widely anticipated to occur sometime in December or January as a preemptive move against inflation. Underlying inflation -retail price inflation less mortage interest payments- is currently only 2 per cent, the lowest level in 27

However, real GDP rose 4.2 per cent in the third quarter following a 4.1 per cent increase in the second quarter and growth for 1994 should average 3.7 per cent. With very little spare capacity left in the U.K., inflation is likely to begin picking up soon and we expect base rates over the next year to be increased by another 100 basis points to 7.25 per cent.

However, we also expect that the U.S. will continue to tighten monetary policy while Germany is expected to shift to a less accommodative stance by pushing up its key reporate by the middle of next year. Based on our neutral outlook for the mark-dollar exchange rate, we expect the pound to trade near USD/GBP 1.58 and DM/GBP 2.45 in 2-month's - not that different from the current level. However, in the interim we think there is scope for pound. weakness against both of these currencies,

Technical View: The British pound lost 0.2 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Dec. 2. Sentiment continues to improve and is neutral. Momentum is reversing to the downside, and the currency has been testing 1.57 U.S.\$/1.59 support. With further weakness still likely in coming weeks, the rally appears complete and suggests a continued decline towards \$1.52-\$1.55. The 1993-1994 base generates support as low as \$1.46. Resistance remains at \$1.643.

Against the DM, sterling gained 1.1 per cent week. Still, there are initial signs of momentum deterioration, and the inability to rally through 2.44-2.48 in coming weeks could suggest an imminent medium term peak support exists at 2.38-2.41.

Nigerian inflation spirals after fuel price hike

LAGOS (R) — A big increase in fuel prices has let loose inflation in Nigeria,

duction bases abroad, while companies are turning to inflation particularly with the foreign countries to get serpetroleum products coupled The ministry surveyed prices of 91 industrial goods with the enormous deterioraand 17 services.

Prices of oil and coal products were 2.50 times higher in Japan than in the United States and those of gas and electricity were 1.70 times litre in October from 3.25 Some products, however,

were 0.61 times of the U.S. Prices for precision instruments and 0.82 times for che-In comparision with South

Korea, real estate prices were as much as 16.9 per cent higher in Japan. With Germany, financial

economists said. "Observers are at pains to quantify the level of domestic price hike, compounding the plight of millions of already

poor Nigerians. tion in infrastructure," the Financial Post journal said. Before the price of petros was increased to 11 naira a

naira and those of other fuel products such as diesel and kerosene similarly, inflation was officially estimated to be running at under 60 per cent. The Federal Office of Statistics put inflation in August

at 56.3 per cent although independent sources believe it was higher. But since the increase in

fuel prices everything has gone haywire," a senior official of the department said. Market surveys by Nigerian newspapers show that prices of many items, includ-

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ing food, have doubled. The surveys showed prices of foodstuffs, soap and detergents, and building materials have risen by between 80 to 100 per cent since the fuel

The situation is just unbearable," housewife Ronke Idowu said. "Many homes will not survive this for long because already there is a lot of quarreling over house-

keeping money," she added. The price of services, especially transport, has also risen steeply. The surveys showed public transport fares had doubled and a worker commuting to central Lagos from the outskirts now spends about 120 naira (\$5.4) a day.

'Government workers, who are among the poorest paid people in Nigeria, appear worst hit. A junior grade civil servant earns 1,200 naira (\$55) a month, less than half the cost of a 50 kilogramme bag of rice.

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Nigeria's military government is negotiating increases in allowances with the unions but so far there is no indica-

would provide. Remons gersin that the fuel prices although Oil Minister Don Etiebet has de-

tion how much cushion these

Economists say apart from decline in the value of the naira in the officially banned but a thriving foreign ex-

mission

change black market was also helping stoke inflation.

Nigeria relies heavily on food and raw material imports and official foreign exchange has not been enough to meet demand. Auton-omous sources have dried up because of the 22 nairs to the. dollar rate of exchange fixed by Fiat in January.

In the black market, the naira, making the cost of imported items beyond the reach of many.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Don't entangle yourself in some private worry that distracts you from success in a pending business activity that is moving forward at a rapid pace under today's three

ARIES: (Merch 21 to April 19) You have to be tactful at home, but outside associates are very cooperative: Do not tracely the evening or you and your loved ones could have problems. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) That problem with an associate has

to be considered seriously, but get many aniguments completed in the interim.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Handle that monetary affairs with tact in the morning. Come to a fine understanding with close friends and associates over some project.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't listen to what a newcomer has dreamed up. Make a plan to gain your finest wishes State your aims and desires to your mate.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Good friends can bring you real progress on an assignment during the day. Steer clear of a hard-to-handle business deal which could cause you problems. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Avoid a difficult associate who likes to irritate you. Get a higher-up to give you the help you need towards completing a complex assignment.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Handling an out-of-town matter wisely can bring you fine benefits, but don't work yourself into a frenzy. This is a day for expansion.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) It is important you handle duties well and forego pleasure for the time being so you can have a real progress. Be kind and thoughtful towards mate.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Avoid an unpleasant discussion at home, and try to improve an outside relationship which is important to your welfare and well being. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Forget that temptation to run off on a trip since you have many obligations to meet at this time and it would be foolish on your part.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Put financial affairs aside for now and get out, have yourself a ball with close friends and relieve the tension and stress you are under.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Listen to suggestions of those who live with you since your judgment is not very good today. Act with care and be happy with your loved ones.

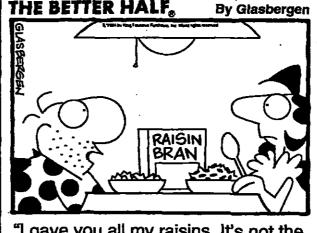
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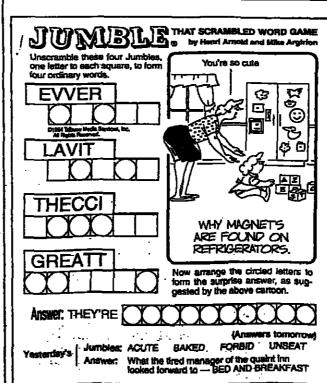
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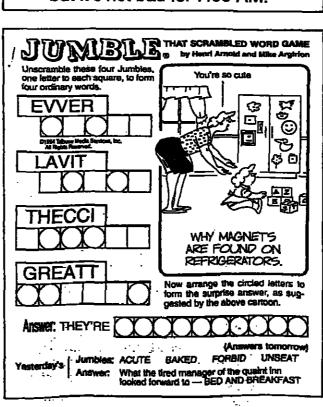
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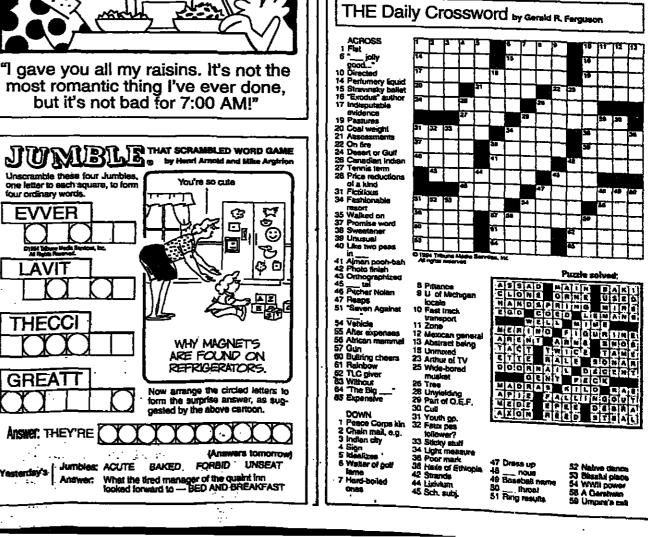
BLOODSTONE: For pain and sadness. It is good for

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producers want to raise prices *A Having failed to con-

vince the concerned authorities of the need to increase prices, seven dairy product companies pleaded with the prime minister to hear their complaints. Airing their case in a newspaper advertisment. they said the situation reached a very delicate stage which threatens the survival of the companies. "We request your excellency to give ne attention to our cause and exercise fairness to avoid bankrupty and closure and throwing our workers to the ranks of the unemployed," the companies said. The ad was signed by the Jordan Dairy Company, the Danish Dairy Company and the companies of Al Dleil, Al Raie, Al Mourouj, Masoud and Hammoudah and Saad (Al

wx Awad Al Tal, secretarygeneral of the Ministry of Transport, wants the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) to give a bigger share of oil transport to the Jordanian-Iraqi Land Transport Company (IILTC). Mr. Tal, who is chairman of board of directors, said JILTC was among the largest oil transport companies in the region as it had a fleet of 520 trucks and over 800 employes. The MEMR will soon be floating a tender to transport oil to Jordan in 1995 and stiff competition is expected from many companies to win the tender (Al-Aswaq).

* ★ According to a study analysing the industrial sector, 42 public shareholding nies had ID 1.35 billiop in total assets in 1993, 7.8 percent above the 1992 figure. Net profit of the 42 industrial companies amounted to JD42.2 million, nearly 40 per cent less than the JD 70 million net profit for 1992. The industrial sector had a debt percentage of 53 per cent (Al Aswaq).

* A merchant was taken in a fancy car to the polling centre to vote for a candidate for the Chamber of Commerce. After casting his vote he could not find anybody to take him back home...not even a taxi (Sawt Al Shaab).

★★ A candidate to the Chamber of Commerce gave his expensive worry beads to a supporter who was admiring them. The gift was given, of course, before the merchant cast his vote (Sawt Al

₩ The Ministry of Supply is ready to exchange a coupon of one kilogramme of powdered milk for a coupon of two kilogrammes of sugar (5-72 Al Shaab).

** What has been published Sout a free zone in Irbid is totally untrue and there are no studies being conducted in this regard, an official source said. He said setting up of free zones requires intensive studies and long time. He added that the most suitable location for a free zone is usually close to a scaport (Al Dus-

** The founding committee of Al Sharq Investment Projects Company has invited the shareholders to a general assembly meeting on Dec. 15. The company floated 2,250,000 shares to public subscription and received applications from 551 investors for 4,213,660 shares, 1.87 times the offered equity. According to the companies' law, each investor was allocated 53.39 per cent of his/her subscription (Al

** The Ministry of Planning has it up a unit to coordinate foreign aid in an effort to better manage and follow up on such assistance (Al Dus-

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| COUNTY BASE FOR THE PERSONS | 3,197 410,249 | 3,370 1,580 | | | | |
| PRINCIPLE CONTRACTOR/JORGAN PRINCIPLES INVESTIGAT SAME. | 775 | 3.526 | 3.820 | | | |
| ACREAGE THEORETHE | 47,001 3,400 | 1.400 | 1.610 | | | |
| ARRESTAN MENNANCE | 1,640 | 7_120 | 2.010 | 1.910 | | |
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| NEAL CLUCK INVESTMENT | 25,443 | | 2.440 | | | |
| JOHNSH INTERNATIONAL LEADING COLLEGE JOHNSH COLL MAY INCOME INVESTMENT | 64,917 | | | | | |
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| THE JORGAN CENTRAL PROTECTION AND | 550,833 | 2.454 | 2.834 | 2.860 | | |
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| SCOURS MODESTARE | 18,044 | 3.370 | | | | |
| THE IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL | 27,474 | 4.910 | 4,900 | 4_950 | | |
| THE JOHNSON WINSON HITES | | 8.150 | | | | |
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| JORGAN DALKY | 11,417 | 2,320 | 2.250 | 2.260 | | |
| THE JOSPAN PIPES HANDPACTURING | 14,075 | 2.904 | | 2.910 | | |
| JOHNE PLYSE & CHROCOLD FACTORIES SPINISS & MINISTERS | 8,300 32,066 | 4.200 | | | | |
| BAFIA INCOMPRIES | 17,066 | 2,780 | 2.780 | 2.750 | | |
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| ARAD ALMINIUM TROUBLESTORAL TRADE | 45,821 17,468 | | | | | |
| LIVESTOCK & POSLERY | 76,294 | | | | | |
| ARAB PAPER CONVENTING & TRADENS | 46,025 | 1.420 | 2.436 | 1.410 | | |
| MATIONAL STEEL IMOGENY INTERNODIATE PRINC-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES | 12,70 | | | | | |
| JOHNAN BOCKWOOL IMMOSTRIES | 24,750 37,171 | | | | | |
| JOHNAN INCOPPRIES & MARCH/JINCO | 23,477 | 0.870 | 0.876 | 0.830 | | |
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| JAMES INCOMPLIAL RESOURCES CO. | 49,591 | 2.730 | 2.740 | 2.690 | | |

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| PRITIED CO. FOR OPERATIONS THAT THAT'S. | 84,410 | 2.530 | 2.520 | 2-510 |
| MAD FINANCIAL INVESTMENT | 45,471 | 1.370 | 1.360 | |
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| PATTONAL CHARACTE DEPOSITATION CO.LED | 38,992 | | | |
| MATHOMAL TEXTILE & FLASTICS MED. CO | 14,985 | 1.370 | | |
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| STREET MILITALE DESIGNATIONS | 54,000 | 1.400 | 1.470 | 1-389 |
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| Eurocurrency Interest Ra | Date: 8/12/1994 | | | |
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| Сыттевсу | HTM 1 | 3 MTHS | 6 MTHS | 12 MTHS |
| U.S. Dollar | 5.93 | 6.12 | 6.56 | 7.06 |
| Sterling Pound | 5.93 | 6.25 | 6.75 | 7.25 |
| Deutsche Mark | 5.12 | 5.12 | 5.25 | 5.50 |
| Swiss Franc | 3.81 | 4.00 | 4.18 | 4.56 |
| French Franc | 5.31 | 5.56 | 5.75 | 6.18 |
| Japanese Yen | 2.18 | 2.18 | 2.31 | 2.56 |
| European Currency Unit | 5.88 | 6_00 | 6.18 | 6.75 |

| Interbank hid rates for amounts exceeding U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equivalent. | | | | | | | |
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| Precious Metals Date: 8/12/1994 | | | | | | | |
| Mctal | USD/Oz | JD/Gm² | Metal | USD/Oz | JD/Gm | | |
| Gold | 376.40 | 7_55 | Silver | 4.64 | 0.105 | | |
| Gold | 376.40 | 7_55 | Suver | 4.64 | 0. | | |

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| Currency | Bid | Offer |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| U.S. Dollar | 0.7010 | 0.7030 |
| Sterling Pound | 1.0970 | 1.1025 |
| Deutsche Mark | 0.4466 | 0.4488 |
| Swiss Franc | 0.5278 | 0.5304 |
| French Franc | 0.1300 | 8.1307 |
| Japanese Yen" | 0.6994 | 0.7029 |
| Dutch Guilder | 0.3988 | 0.4008 |
| Swedish Krona | 44777 | ***** |
| Italian Lira ² | 0.0433 | 0.0435 |
| Belgian Franc | ***** | 441437 |

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| Other Currencies | Date: 8/12/1994 | | |
| Currency | Bid | Offer | |
| Bahraini Dinar | 1.8430 | 1.8600 | |
| Lebanese Lira* | 0.041355 | 0.042865 | |
| Saudi Riyal | 0.1858 | 0.1878 | |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | 2.3050 | 2.3630 | |
| Qatari Riyal | 0.1913 | 0.1927 | |
| Egyptian Pound | 0.2000 | 0.2150 | |
| Omani Riyal | 1.8050 | 1.8220 | |
| UAE Dirham | 0.1903 | 0.1912 | |
| Greek Drachma° | 0.2685 | 0.3185 | |
| Cypriot Pound | 1.4020 | 1.5115 | |





Offset conference generates new projects ABU DHABI (AFP) — An international offset confer-

ence in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has ended with announcements of plans to set up six more projects under deals covering the de-

fence sector.

The announcements for the multi-million-dollar projects were made by the U.S. companies Sikorsky Aircraft, Battelle Memorial Institute, Westinghouse Electric and McDonnell Douglas. Chase Manhatten Bank also announced it would press ahead with plans to create a one-billion-dollar company to support offset deals.

Sikorsky Aircraft, a division of United Technologies Corp., and Battelle Memorial Institute announced the

formation of a pre-offset joint venture to help bring in foreign technology to the Emirates.

The venture, the Gulf Technology Institute, would provide scientific, technical

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the

dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and

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1.3386/96

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5.4208/58

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and managerial expertise to public and private institu-

"Services will cover fields such as public health, pharmaceuticals, environment, water and agriculture, education and research and petrochemical industries. We expect to finalise negotiations with our local partners by early 1995," a spokesman for the joint venture said.

Three other projects covering small equipment, printing and chemicals were announced by McDonnell

Douglas Helicopter Systems. Westinghouse, under its military deal with the UAE

airforce, said it was setting up a UAE company called Wes-tinghouse Gulf in a joint ven-ture with the Abu Dhabibased Western Group. The new venture will provide services in broadcasting, refrigeration, energy, power sup-plies and environmental sys-

More than 300 delegates attended the two-day confer-ence, the first of its kind in the Gulf. Earlier, UAE offset chief Amin Badruddin said his group was considering over 600 offset and pre-offset

"Not all companies like to announce projects," he told reporters. "Some for fear of

competitors and some for their own personal reasons. In addition to today's and yesterday's deals, there are 18 projects whose owners

which exporters undertake to reinvest part of the deal in the importing country, were introduced in the UAE a few years ago as part of its attempts to attract technology and lessen reliance on oil. Such programmes are so far limited to defence deals but the UAE is considering joining Saudi Arabia in extending them to the civilian sector.

On the first day of the conference, the French air industries giant, Aerospatiale, announced plans to set up a joint aircraft mainte-

with the Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company. Two other U.S. firms said they had signed deals to set up a shipyard and a medical serchose not to speak about." Offset programmes, under

vices centre.
The French Giat Industries have already started work on offset projects it undertook to carry out in the Emirates under their last year's multibillion-dollar that involved the supply of 436 Leclerk battle tanks.

"We are studying 30 projects, 10 of which are in an advanced stage," the semi official Emirates News' quoted Giat offset chief. Jean-Louis Thaumiaux, as saying. "They cover iron. mechanical, pharmaceutica!... and service industries."

Asian airlines may face profit squeeze with competition

SINGAPORE (AFP) — Air-lines in Asia could face a profit squeeze as more external carriers emerging from years of economic woes jockey for a share of the region's huge market potential, a

senior U.S. banker has said. "The keynote over the next couple of years in Asia is competition from external sources," said Thomas Gallagher, senior vice-president of New York-based Chase

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Manhattan Bank. Mr. Gallagher, whose re-sponsibilities include corporate finance for the aerospace industries, said Asian routes were becoming increasingly important to non-Asian carriers to sustain their recov-

"This is going to set new competition standards in Asia that may not be good in the short run for profits. This also means that the Asian

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markets that are relatively insulated can no longer be so," Mr. Gallagher told AFP after a closed-door aviation meeting in Singapore. Most major Asian airlines

are beginning to report pro-fits after going through a rough patch due to the global aviation slump, analysts say. They say the Asian carriers are now expecting to cash in on improving passenger levels in regional air traffic on

the back of rapid economic Mr. Gallagher said U.S. airlines, which appeared to be making profits after a long

red-ink streak, were expected

to increase their presence in the Asian market.

He estimated operating income of the nine major U.S. airlines for 1994 to be around \$3.5 billion, higher than the \$900 million last year.

U.S. stock brokerage Salomon Brothers said in a recent report that for the six months to June 1994, major U.S. airlines recorded a net loss of \$380.7 million compared with a net loss of \$1.1 billion for the previous corresponding period.

Salomon Brothers expects the U.S. airline industry to return to profitability in 1994

and in the next two years due to relatively-stable fuel prices, good revenue yield management and increasing

Mr. Gallagher said that the "wild swings" in the financial results of airlines reflected a higher degree of uncertainfor the industry, adding that this would make aircraft and capital much more ex-

"All three parties — the aircraft manufacturers, the airlines and financial institutions — should work together to manage this concern," he said.

2.8m U.S. jobs depend on Asia exports

Washington (AFP) — Almost 2.8 million U.S. jobs depend on exports to Asia, and the region accounted for more than a sixth of new jobs created in the United States in the past four years, according to a report published

California heads the jobs table, with 692,000 jobs in the state dependent on exports to Asia in 1993 out of a U.S. total of almost 2.8 million, or one in every 50 U.S. workers, according to the report by Washington-based research institute the Heritage Foundation.

Washington state, like California on the country's Pacific coast and thus geographically nearer to Asia, had 359,700 jobs dependent on exports to the region in 1993, said the study.

Texas was in third place with 206,900 jobs, helped by a twinning arrangement with the Chinese province of Shandong, followed by New York with 154,100 and

Louisiana with 106,640. The trend is likely to continue, the Heritage Foundation said, as U.S. companies actively pursue new business in emerging markets such as China and Vietnam.

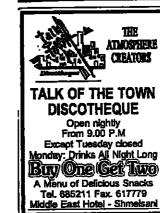
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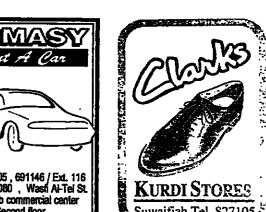
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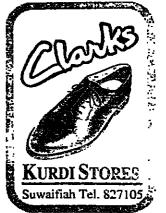
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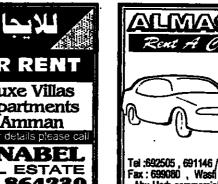


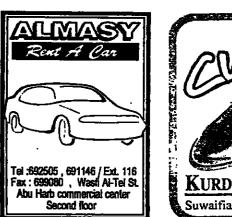


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Barcelona, PSG to meet in Champions League quarterfinals

PARIS (Agencies) — Paris St. Germain retained their Champions League 100 per cent record with a 4-1 victory in their final group match against Spartak Moscow Wednesday.

Paris made it six wins out of six in Europe, booking a quarter-final tie against Barcelona, whose 1-1 draw against IFK Gothenburg was enough to earn them a place in the last eight from Group

George Weah scored twice to bring his tally to six in as many games. The 28-year-old attacker put Paris 1-0 up in the 27th minute.

Spartak's defence was under siege from the start and broke down when Daniel Bravo's through ball found Davis Ginola.

The striker who returned at the end of last month against Bayern Munich after a groin strain put Weah clear on the left to blast a 20-yard drive into the top right hand comer.

Paris, who have scored in every home game this season. went further ahead with a simply tap-in from Ginola after 42 minutes when Antoine Kombouare's cross found him unmarked 15 yards out.

Weah, who was substituted after 70 minutes, scored his sixth goal and put Paris 3-0 ahead seven minutes after half time. Weah burst into the box and beat two defender's before rounding the keeper in an outstanding dis-

play of individual skill. Five minutes later Onopko missed a penalty for Spartak when his spot kick hit the

Brazilian striker Rai, the team's leading league scorer, put Paris 4-0 up in the 59th minute when he turned in the box and shot into the corner

from 10 yards. Paris relaxed on their lead

and Spartak blushes were saved by Rodionov, who pul-led one back after 67 minutes.

Ten minutes from time. Bernard Allou, who came in for Weah, rattled the bar with a header.

In Barcelona Jose Maria Bakero scored on a header in the 82nd minute to help Barcelona to a 1-1 draw with IFK Goteborg, allowing the fourtime Spanish League champions to advance with the Swedish side to the quarterfinals of the champions

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Bakero scored on a sharpangle from eight metres that sailed over the head of Goteborg goalie Thomas Ravelli and into the far corner of the

Goteborg's Stefan Rehn scored a meaningless goal in the 89th minute to make it 1-1 when he picked up a loose ball in a scramble in front of the net and hammered it home from six metres.

Rehn's goal didn't change the fact that both clubs moved on in Europe's most important club competition.

Both teams opened the match before 75,000 at Camp Nou Stadium with clear scoring chances in the first two minutes — Brazilian Romario for Barcelona and Stefan Pettersson for Goteborg.

The Spaniards carried the play in the first half and had

the better scouring chances. Barcelona's best scoring chance in the second half prior to Bakero's decisive goal — came 20 minutes into



Manchester United's Simon Davies (right) opens scoring past a Galatasaray player during their Champions League

match in Manchester (AFP photo) the period when Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov centred a ball through the area that Romario barely failed to reach and direct into an open goal mouth.

In Manchester understrength Manchester United cruised to a 4-0 victory over Turkish club Galatasaray but failed to make it to the quarterfinal of the European Chamions Cup.

The Reds wound up level on points with second place Barcelona in the Group A standings but the final positions were decided on the results of the two games played between the two teams. The game at Old Trafford was a 2-2 tie but Barcelona, a 4-0 winner at Camp Nout, joined Sweden's Goteborg as Group A qualifiers.

United scored three times in the first 48 minutes to overpower Galatasarav before some 49,000 fans at Old Trafford before adding a fourth near the end.

The England champion. which lost its previous two games to Barcelona and Goteborg, was forced to face the Turks without even regu-

Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, wingers Ryan Giggs. Lee Sharpe and Ukrainian Andrei Kanchelskis and defender Paul Parker were injured while striker

Collated results of European Cup Champoins' League final group matches.

Group A ☆ In Manchester: Manchester United (England) 4 Galata-

saray (Turkey) 0 (halftime 2-0). Scorers: Simon Davies (3rd), David Beckham (38th), Roy Keane (49th), Korkmaz Bulent (88th, own goal).

Attendance: 39,220 ☆ In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 1 IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) I (0-0)

Scorers: Barcelona - Jose Bakero (81st) Gothenburg - Stefan Rehn (88th) Attedance: 75,200.

Group B

.☆ Iss Paris: Paris St. Germain (France) 4 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 1 (2-0).

Scorers: Paris St. Germain - George Weah (28th, 52nd), David Ginola (42nd), Rai (59th).

Spartak - Sergei Rodionov (67th). Attendance: 31,561. n in Fred: 1 (Germany) 4 (1-1)

Dynamo Kiev — Andrei Shevchenko (38th). Bayern Munich - Christian Nerlinger (45th), Jean-Pierre Papin (56th, 82th), Mehmet School (87th). Attendance: 60,000

Group C ☆ In Split: Hajduk Split (Croatia) 1 Steaua Bucharest 4 Mark Hughes and midfielder Paul Ince were suspended.

Meanwhile holders AC Milan secured a place in the quarterfinals of the European Cup when they travelled to Vienna and beat Austria Salzburg with a solitary goal from Daniele Massaro.

On a night of decisive soccer in the final round of Champions' League group matches, the Italian striker found the net after 29 minutes to ensure that the Italian champions kept alive their hopes of a fourth final appearance in six years.

Milan, beaten by Velez Sarsfield of Argentina in the Inter-Continental Club championship last week, overcame their jet lag with some style.

Their win enabled them to finish as runners-up in Group D behind unbeaten Dutch champions Ajax Amsterdam despite losing two points because of crowd trouble at their earlier meeting with the Austrians in the San Siro.

Milan now meet Benfica. the Group C winners, in a last eight packed with formidable European clubs next march.

Bayern Munich, like Ajax three times winner of the trophy in the 1970s qualified with a convincing 4-1 win in the Ukraine against Dynamo

Scorers:

Hajduk — Stipe Andrijasevic (48th) Steana — Adrian Ilie (11th, 32nd), Marius Lacatus (25th), Constantin Gilea (90th). Attendance: 15,000

☆ In Brussels: Anderlecht (Beigium) 1 Benfica (Portugal) 1 (0-0). Scorers:

Anderlecht - Graeme Rutjes (49th minute). Benfica - Silva Edilson (83rd). Attendance: 22,000.

Group D

☆ In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 2 AEK Athens (Greece) 0 (1-0). Scorer: Tarik Onlida (7th, 78th).

Attendance: 42,000. ☆ In Vienna: Austria Salzburg, (Austria) 0 AC Miland (Italy) I (6-1): Scorer: Daniele Massaro (29th).

Attendance: 47,500. Champions Cup quarter-final ties

Quarter-finals (March 1 and 15) 2. Hajduk Split vs Ajax Amsterdam 3. AC Miland vs Benfica Lisbon 4. Barcelona vs Paris St. Germain. Semi-finals (April 5 and 19)

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Seizinger fastest in downhill practice

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (R) — Downhill ace Katja Seizinger of Germany warmed up for the World Cup race by posting the fastest time over a difficult. bumpy course on Thursday in the final women's downhill

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match in Amsterdam (AFP photo)

Tarik Oulida of Ajax Amsterdam leaps over AEK Athens

goalie Illias Atmatsidis during their Champions League

The reigning World Cup and Olympic champion was timed in one minute 40.44 seconds, well ahead of Switzerland's Heidi Zeller-

Baehler who clocked 1:41.36. Anita Wachter of Austria was third fastest in 1:41.45. Seizinger, who finished second in the downhill here two years ago, said: "It's a good course, a demanding

She added the course was bumpy and that Thursday's dull light tended to make it appear flattened out.

"It's more difficult than it was two years ago and calls for greater technical skills." she said of the 2,639-metre long course which falls 707 metres.

The temperature at the start of the training run was about -10 Celsius, but it dropped to about -18 by the time the 64 skiers had completed

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their runs. A second training run was cancelled because of the late hour and drop in temperature.

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Kate Pace, the top Canadian downhiller, did not ski on Thursday after hurting her back in a crash Wednesday and is unlikely to compete this weekend.

When American Picabo Street heard about pace, she burst into tears. The Olympic silver medallist crashed in Colorado last week and said she empathised with her Canadian rival.

Street was eighth in the training run in 1:42.01.

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) -Brazil has produced yet another in its unique line of bewildering soccer competi-

The 1995 Rio De Janeiro Championship has just been unveiled to a perplexed pub-

True to form, it features 34 teams, 30 of them minor semi-professional outfits with only a handful of supporters each, and a format that is likely once again to have fans scratching their heads in incomprehension.

The four major clubs are already busy working out how much money they expect to lose, while critics are pouring scorn on the competition.

First it was 16 teams, then it was 24. Last week it swelled to 32. Now it's 34. Unmissable," a sarcastic column in O Globo newspaper said.

"The federations organise championships that lose money and the clubs pay the bill," said Antonio Soares Calcada, president of Vasco Da Gama, who have won the tournament for the last three

"To put together the team

that the fans demand needs money and the current format is not profitable." Flu-

But even in Rio there are only four major teams ---Vasco, Botafogo, Flamengo and Fluminense.

competition, there will be just four important matches in the first 14 dates — two meetings between Flamengo and Fluminense and two between Vasco Da Gama and Botafogo.

The formula is immensely complicated, involving two groups each divided into subgroups in the first stage and with each sub-group divided into two phases, to whittle the teams down to eight and then the four who will take part in the final round.

Brazil produces bewildering copetition De Janeiro federation

minense president Arnaldo Santiago said.

Unlike other major soccer nations, Brazil devotes half its season to regional championships, the ones in Rio De Janeiro and Sao Paulo being the most prominent. The national championship lasts just four months.

Under the rules of the 1995

The big four have announced they will meet

and try to persuade the Rio change the competition.

But they are keen to avoid a repeat of last year's war during which Flamengo, Fluminense and Botafogo threatened to form a breakaway league.

If the formula stays untouched, there will be more head-scratching for the fans, who have just witnessed a national championship which used one of the most mindbogglingly complex formats in soccer history.

A first stage consisting of four groups of six saw all 24 teams go through to a second stage, in which the teams were divided into three groups, two of which were then split into two phases. All this eventually produced eight quarter-finalists. Brazilian soccer directors

have an age-old fear of the traditional league format, fearing that if one team opens up a large lead early on, fans of the other teams will lose interest.

Consequently they have made an art form out of organising formats which give as many chances as possible to as many teams as possible to qualify for the final stage.



WASHINGTON (AFP) Phoenix and Washington. prevented from playing their National Basketball Association game Tuesday because of water condensation on the

court, will try again April 6. Charles Barkley and the Suns were not scheduled to play again in the U.S. capitol but were forced into a lateseason return when unseasonably warm tempertures and an ice rink beneath the court combined to make the

Water vapor from the air defied the efforts of workers to scrub the court clean. The new date means the hometown Bullets will play three times in as many days. with a game at Indiana April 5, then a home match against the Suns before an April 7 home date against Charlotte.

The game comes during what was the longest break in the Phoenix season, a fourday gameless span. Now the Suns will play at Golden State April 4, visit Washington and play again April 9 in Portland.

In New York, an out-ofcourt settlement has been reached between two National Basketball Association players and a man who said he was attacked by them after hurling a snowball at their

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Jansher retains Pakistan Open

KARACHI (R) — Pakistan's world number one January Khan clinched his fourth Pakistan Open squash title Priday with a thrilling five-game win over England's Page Marshall. Third seed Marshall, ranked second in the world. fully tested Jansher, before the Pakistani eventually was 14-15, 15-14, 15-10, 9-15, 15-6.

3 out of round-the-world race

CAPE TOWN (AP) - A grueling round-the-world yacht race has conquered three more sailors, BOC challenge officials said Friday. Italian Simone Bianchetti, competi for the first time in the BOC challenge solo race, withdress after returning to Cape Town for a second time Friday to remedy keel problems aboard his Town of Cervin. Flord Romack of the United States, also a first-time competitor, was disqualified when he arrived in Cape Town on Thursday from Charleston, South Carolina after spending 82 days at sea on the first leg of the race. Rules state that compenitors must complete a leg within 30 days after the arrival time of the first boat in their class. South African

Maradona quits as coach

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Diego Maradona, his team in danger of being relegated to the second division, resigned as coach of the Argentine soccer club Deportivo Mandiya, citing problems with the team president. Maradom, speaking at a news conference, said club president Roberto ruz came to the dressing room after last Saturday's gai and "said things he should not have said," Maradona did not elaborate. Maradona, 34, is banned from playing by FIFA, world soccer's governing body.

Lawsuit possible in Gerulaitis death

NEW YORK (AFP) — The mother of tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis is seeking permission to inspect the site where her son died of carbon monoxide poisoning as a possible prelude to a lawsuit. Gerulaitis was found dead in a poolside cottage in Southampton, Long Island, on September 18. He was 40 years old. Investigators believe his death was caused by a faulty gas heater. His mother, Aldona Gerulaitis, filed papers in a Manhattan court seeking to inspect the premises to preserve evidence and discover whether to sue anyone.

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For Resignan recently gett from Father Chimas is neather the leafure to the league to the leafure to the leafur The 44-member AFC, which kicks off a five-day session here on Saturday, will discuss next Wednesday how to protest against FIFA's de-

"The executive committee will be deciding how best we can explain to FIFA how unsatisfactory their decision has been and how we can rectify the situation," AFC general-secretary Peter Velappan said. "This is a unique situation

as far as I am aware but then we are in a unique position." The controversy stems from a fiery meeting of FIFA's executive committee in New York in October at which FIFA president Joao Havelange announced the composition of the committees which help run world football affairs.

Critics alleged Havelange chose the names personally, ignoring protocol that only officials supported by regional confederations can serve on FIFA committees. Velappan refused to say

which Asian delegates the AFC was protesting about but it is understood the Kuala Lumpur-based body did not support China's Chen Chengda or the Philippines' Fernando Alvarez. Both were named by Have-

lange to sit on FIFA's technical committee after the October shake-up. Chen re-tired from the AFC in May because of old age and Alvarez is no longer resident Officials at the AFC say

the protest is likely to come in the form of a strongly-. worded letter to Havelange. the AFC confront in a ses-

gion culminating in a dinner on Thursday to celebrate the confederation's 40th The disciplinary commit-

will rule on allegations that Syria and Iraq fielded overage players in the recent Asian under-19 championship in Jakarta.

At stake is Syria's place in next year's World Youth Championship in Nigeria and a mandatory two-year sus-pension from world soccer. The committee must also

decide what to do with World Cup heroes Saudi Arabia, whose under-16 team attacked a referee after they were beaten in a regional cham-

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Jazireh retain third place after defeat to Orthodoxi By Aleen Bannayan Palace, and notified a memcourt press defence which led

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Al Orthodoxi proved that they were still a powerful force on the Kingdom's basketball scene when they scored an 89-77 win over Al Jazireh Thursday who thus finished third in the First Division Basketball Championship.

Al Jazireh had hoped to advance their standing this year, taking advantage of Al Orthodoxi's transitional phase when the younger lineup of players was left to defend the club's stature as the Kingdom's indisputable former champions after the retirement of many older players, especially Murad Barakat.

However Al Jazireh's ambitions were put on hold for this season, and they will retain their standing behind the top two teams for the third consecutive year. In other matches Thursday, Ai Ahli scored a 102-49

win over Al Watani, who put up a big effort in the second half after they netted the tournament's second lowest first half score which ended 59-18. The third match of the day

did not take place, as Homentmen had been officially informed that the match was at 6 p.co. while the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) had notified the referees that it was at 5:30. After waiting the official 15 minutes, the referees announced at Jalil's default. Homentmen's officials

said that they would lodge a formal objection with the JBF citing that the last formal JBF note to the club put the match at 6 and that players were actually present at the said time. The same incident had

happened in the first round Homentmen — Hussein clash when the referees and teams had alternate match schedules.

JBF Secretary Ghaleb Balawi explained that the federation often had to change the schedule because pionship in Qatar in October. of overbooking at the Sports

to many tumovers from which Lufti, Khirfan and Yousef Abu Baker scored to narrow ber of the team or the clubs coaches by telephone. Thursday's matches were the 78-60 and 87-70 gap. the ones postponed last Saturday because of the

However Al Orthodoxi en-

ded the match with a 12-point

Three matches were also

lined-up for Friday during the team's hectic weekend, while

the JBF sought to end the

competition on time on Dec. 15. In one of Friday's match-

es Homentmen were to meet

Al Hussein in Irbid in a late

match, while Al Ahli hosted Al Jalil and Al Watani

played Al Orthodoxi in Am-

The Hussein-Homentmen

match was the most impor-

tant as no surprises were ex-

pected in the other two

matches whose results would

have no bearing on the stand-

Al Hussein found them-

selves fighting for their place

among the prestigious group

as two teams will be relegated

However, they are one

While Homentmen have

step ahead of their oppo-

nents, placed last, Al Watani

already been relegated, Al

Hussein's 79-76 win over Al

Watani in the first round

pushed the latter to the brink

of relegation unless they

score a win with over three

points in their Dec. 12 match.

players must have eagerly anticipated Al Hussein's loss

to Homentmen Friday to

make their task of avoiding

Al Hussein had overcome

Homentmen 67-54 in the first round. However Ho-

mentmen's form had steadily

improved and their players had been giving it a hard fight despite their relegation. While they lost 74-49 to Al Watani in the first round, the second round score was 89-67.

relegation much easier.

Therefore, Al Watani's

this year.

and Homentmen.

win of 89-77.

snowy weather conditions, the most important was the Jazireh-Orthodoxi clash for second place, which might have had a different bearing had Al Orthodoxi not scored a big 92-75 win in the first round. Al Jazireh's task was therefore somewhat hard to achieve as they had to score a victory with over 17 points difference to clinch the second place.

The team greatly missed the efforts of playmaker Ghaith Emabi, while Naser Alawneh, who had missed the last two matches and seemed to have disagreements with the club, played one of his worst matches and was hampered by four fouls in the first half. Al Orthodoxi had the up-

per hand throughout the match as Hilal Barakat was joined by Jan Sahlieh and Jihad Saliba who gave their team a 19-9 lead while limiting their opponents' scoring ability. Sahlieh probably played one of his best matches and scored four 3-pointers. Hani Hamzeh and Husam

Lufti scored for Al Jazireh whose other players had bad finishing, while Al Orthodoxi took a lead of 29-15 and 37-21 before Al Jazireh outscored their opponents 13-5 and narthe 19-point can in th final three minutes of the first half which Al Orthodoxi won

Al Orthodoxi again expanded the gap to 56-42 before Sahlieh and Barakat scored three 3-pointers to which Al Jazireh's second half star Sager Khirfan re-sponded with three of his own, but the former champions still led 69-56. Al Jazireh then played a faster game and applied a full

losing love of sports

U.S. fans

NEW YORK (AFP) — U.S. sports fans are doing fine without baseball and ice hockey and are generally los-ing their love of sport stars, a poll released Thursday

Business Week magazine surveyed 1,000 U.S. sports fans between November 21-29 and found overwhelming numbers of people missed the shutdown baseball and ice hockey seasons less than they The poll found 45 per cent

missed baseball much less than expected and another 19 per cent missed the U.S. pastime somewhat less than expected. Only 28 per cent mis-sed baseball more than they thought they would before the players went on strike August 12. National Hockey League

numbers were even more lopsided, showing the sport has lost whatever U.S. foothold it might have gained from expansion to warm-weather cities.

Only 13 per cent of people miss the NHL more than they thought since owners shut down the campaign October 1. Fifty-three per cent miss the NHL much less than they expected and another 15 miss it somewhat less. There was more bad news

for owners. Forty-eight per cent of respondents agreed with the statement: "Both players and owners are equally money-hungry and don't care about the fans." The poll found 50 per cent

attending fewer games than five years ago and 35 per cent watching fewer games on television than in 1989. And while 49 per cent of people are watching more televised sports than five years ago, they do not respond well to commercial advertising during the events. Seventy per cent of those

interviewed said commercials are annoying and athlete endorsements are nothing to be prized, merely something sold to the highest bidder. Seventy-five per cent said they are not influenced by athlete endorsements. When asked what their

favourite sport was, 25 per cent said National Football League games. Baseball, once the fan favorite, was second at 11 per cent, with onre s Basketball Association and college U.S. football sharing third with nine per cent Next in order was auto

racing at eight per cent, col-lege basketball at seven per cent, and a tie for eighth between ice hockey, tennis golf and boxing at three per



Italian firm sues Monica Seles

MIAMI (AFP) — Italian sportswear maker FILA is suing Monica Seles, saying the former decision on the validity of the pact with Seles. tennis star failed to promote a line of apparel FILA said the 1990 deal bars them from with her name after being knifed in the back signing another female tennis pro until its The suit, filed in U.S. District Court, said

FILA has lost more than \$6 million from the ago at Hamburg, Germany, by a fan of rival contract it signed with Seles when she was the Steffi Graf. She has not played on the WTA world number one in women's tennis. "There have been a lot of discussions

between her representatives and the com- and manufactured the clothing line under that pany's representatives for a year at least, assumption. Only last April did Seles say she said attorney Alvin Davis, who filed the suit. would not return.
on FILA's behalf.

1996 expiration. Seles was stabbed in the back 20 months

FILA wants reimbursement of losses and a

Tour since. FILA said it was assured Seles would return

FILA claims Seles should have been mak-Seles and her agent, Stephanie Tolleson, ing public appearances to promote the

were not immediately available for comment. apparel produced for this year and 1995.

FIA to step up efforts for F1 safety driver Gerhard Berger, en-gineer Harvey Postlethwaite and two FIA technical and PARIS (R) — Motor sport The group also worked to

chiefs vowed Friday to increase their efforts to improve Formula One safety even though a lot had been done since Ayrton Senna's death in a crash at the San Marino Grand Prix last May. After a season marred by accidents, the International

Automobile Federation (FIA) said an advisory expert group had "amassed a wealth ed information about all aspects of driver, racing car and circuit safety." "The work of the group

has already resulted in certain changes to Formula One rules and regulations," FIA said in a statement.

The group, set up at the Monaco Grand Prix last June and chaired by professor Sid Watkins, includes veteran safety officials. FIA said the priority of the

group had been "the search for the best cockpit driver protection." Tests have been conducted with dummies in a real For-

mula One car provided by the McLaren team. They led to "the use of a new energyabsorbing foam material for rear head restraints and the introduction of seat belt harnesses with a minimum width of 75 millimetres," FIA said. Tests are also under way

on materials, airbags and on ways to improve the size and shape of cockpits. A new rear light to be used in the rain is also being considered.

improve the quality of helmets. "As a result, only the most severe and demanding standards will now be accepted," FIA said. Circuit safety has also been

a major concern for the group. Computer analyses were conducted at each of the world championship tracks to "identify the sectors of track with the greatest risk factor." "Since the group began its work in June 1994, 11 Grand

Prix circuits have been subjected to significant safety improvements," FIA added. "The FIA advisory expert

group will continue to examine the multitude of proposals, inventions and offers of help received from all over the world," it said.

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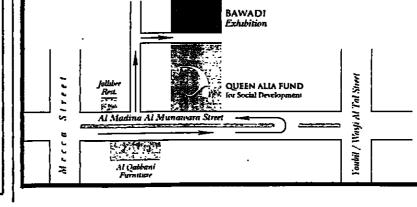
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Grozny braces for imminent invasion as Yeltsin orders disarming

MOSCOW (Agencies) — President Boris Yeltsin Friday ordered the disarming. by all available means, of illegally-formed armed groups in Chechenya, the Kremlin said.

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A presidential decree called for a clamp down on armed groups in the rebel republic and in the neighbouring republics of Ingushetia and Northern Ossetia, a .spokesman said.

Leanwhile, Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev left Moscow also Friday for north Caucasus, where Russia has massed troops around Chechenya province, Itar-Tass said. It gave no details of his plans.

Mr. Grachev met separatist leader Dzokhar Dudayev on Tuesday in north Caucasus and the two men agreed not to use force to end the crisis in Chechenya. But the Kremlin has since toughened its stance and Chechenya fears intervention by Russian

However, pro-reformist members of parliament savaged President Yeltsin for his bardline policy in Chechenya, saying he risked

losing the support of the people and threatening to call for his impeachment.

One member of parliament told Interfax news agency that the armoured and special Russian forces massed on the western border of Chechenya would almost certainly be ordered

Nine normally pro-Yeltsin members of the Duma, the parliament's lower house, sent a message to the president saying the blood of an invasion would be on his

"The Russian government will be transformed from a democratic regime into a police regime," the statement said. Mr. Yeltsin "will lose the support of millions of Russian citizens," it added.

The Duma defence committee chairman, Sergei Yushenkov, said he and other deputies would launch an impeachment drive if Mr. Yeltsin ordered military action to solve the Chechen

Mr. Yushenkov accused Mr. Yeltsin of "massive extermination of citizens of the Russian Federation."

Russia does not recognise

Chechenya's 1991 declaration

of independence.
Also Friday, the main opposition force in Chechenya said it would resume combat action to topple separatist President Dzhokhar Dudayev next Monday, Itar-Tass reported.

It quoted an announcement by a spokesman for the opposition provisional council. The announcement followed a statement earlier on Friday that its fighters should be ready for battle by Tues-

day.
"The headquarters of the provisional council's armed forces has announced that it will resume military actions against Dudayev's regime on Decemer 12," Tass said. The Moscow-backed

opposition was defeated by Gen. Dudayev's troops in a key battle late last month and the council is saying that the Kremlin is dragging its feet over sending in forces. Meanwhile, the Chechen

authorities in Grozny ordered schools closed and residents frantically built fortifications amid rumours of an imminent assault by Russian troops on the capital of the breakaway republic.

official efforts to promote

Ayatollah Khamenei as the

marja ala. The succession

also could be rejected by

ala has been chosen from the

top-ranking clerics, or grand

ayatollahs. There are at least

Several senior Iranian cler-

ics have referred to

Khamenei as a grand ayatol-

lah since Ayatollah Araki's

death. But inside the orga-

nised Shiite hierarchy.

Ayatollah Khamenei, 55, is

regarded as a middle-ranking

cleric without the credentials

about 10 per cent of the

world's one billion Muslims.

Elsewhere in his sermon,

Ayatollah Yazdi said that

Serbs convicted of war crimes

Shiite Muslims comprise

to be supreme leader.

five living.

Traditionally, the marja

Shiites in other countries.

Yazdi warns Khamenei critics

:NICOSIA (AP) — The head of Iran's judiciary said Friday that critics of the country's spiritual leader could be pro-

"Those who have access to the public through podiums or their pens, must not act and write in negative ways." says Ayatollah Mohammad

In a sermon at Tehran University, he said violators "could be prosecuted." Ayatollah Yazdi said Islamic law forbade criticism of

the clergy. His sermon, broadcast by the state-run Tehran Radio and monitored in Cyprus, was a warning to critics of Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Tran's theocratic government has named Ayatollah Khamenei as supreme spiritual leader of the world's 100 million Shifte Muslims.

Yesterday, the department

rain advertisements in the

Arabic dailies in the form of a

reminder asking those who

had lost or disposed of the

former reminders to use the

ads to record the number of

persons who were at their

home on the evening of Dec.

Census questions go

beyond basic demographic information — notably, the

census will not only ask for

past residents and refugee

status, but also date and

place of birth of both mother

, Abdullah Abdul Aziz

It has identified him as the successor to Grand Ayatollah Ali Araki, who died earlier this month of old age. He was at least 100.

Traditionally, the succession has been a purely religious matter, free of government interference. But by naming Ayatollah Khamenei as the marja ala, or supreme spiritual leader of the sect, the Tehran establishment is trying to change the rules. In the past, the supreme

steered clear of involvement in politics. But Iran's goal is to fuse political and religious power in a single person to boost its own influence at home and among Shiites worldwide,

leaders of the sect have

sion of militant Islam. comments indicated there

Zoubi, executive director of

the 1994 census, said it is only

natural that the government

should want these statistics.

study migration trends," he

said. "It is important in a

place like Jordan where the

population has increased sig-

nificantly over short periods

The most important objec-

tive of the census, he said, is

to establish the number of

inhabitants in each governo-

rate so as to facilitate policy-

"The government has to

and to promote its own ver-But Avatollah Yazdi's

could be sent to Iran to live was criticism inside Iran of out their prison sentences. General census starts today

"I hope to convince the other EU members of the necessity to continue (United Nations) activities because I think they are doing a good job," Mr. Kok said. over four million people. In a slap at the French, Mr.

The census will record all Kok joined Prime Ministers Jordanians, foreigners living Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belin Jordan, all those entering gium and Jacques Santer of the Kingdom on the evenings Luxembourg in appealing for an end to speculation about a nians residing abroad for a 12-month period or less (stu-

The census will not be an excuse for a leisurely few days of rest and relaxation. Unlike other countries, said Dr. Zoubi, no one is required to stay at home to facilitate census procedures.

Israeli-Syrian talks to resume ambassadors failed at the last

(Continued from page 1)

of time.

(Continued from page 1) Haaretz noted.

Israel and Syria had already agreed that the arrangements must be "balanced" on both sides of the border, which would be drawn up in a peace agree-

The Hebrew press reported last week that a bid to bring Syrian army officers into the talks between the

making and planning. The last census, in 1979, recorded approximately two

minute in November Mr. Rabin has repeatedly called for a secret channel to

break the deadlock, but Syria reportedly feared press leaks. Negotiations have been blocked virtually since they began in October 1991 over Syrian demands for an Israeli promise to return all the strategic plateau while Israel has demanded a commitment for peace with open borders million Jordanians. Now, 15 years later, it is estimated that the Kingdom's population has nearly doubled to

of the census as well as Jordadents, tourists, businessmen).

before negotiating the scale of any withdrawal. Israel has recently said there was no point resuming bilateral talks in Washington unless there was something to talk about.

Haaretz said U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher had on Tuesday in Damascus tried to persuade Syrian President Hafez Al Assad that every inch of land Israel surrendered should be demilitarised and palced under international control.

Jurists: Tunisia pressures judges

GENEVA (R) - The International Commission of Jurists accused the Tunisian goverament on Friday of attacking the independence of the country's judiciary by putting pressure on judges.
The Geneva-based ICJ,

which links 45 leading jurists and has consultative status with the United Nations. issued the charge in a statement calling on the Tunisian authorities to take "urgent measures" to remedy the

situation. The statement said pressure had been put on judges who took part in an ICJ seminar on judicial independence with the Arab Institute for Human Rights and governmental and nongovernmental organisations in Tunisia last month.

FAREWELL: Their Majesties King Royal Highness Prince Clans of the Nether-Hussein and Queen Noor Thursday bid lands at the end of the queen's 3-day visit to

Europeans 'cautiously' welcome

U.S. offer to send troops to Bosnia

troop withdrawal. France has

said a pullout might be un-

the Danish prime minister,

expressed concern that the

civilian population would suf-

fer and that the conflict

would spread in former Yugoslavia. "There is too lit-

tle talk about what will hap-

pen if the peacekeepers

leave," he said upon arrival

In Brussels, Belgium,

NATO Secretary-General

Willy Claes told the Belgian

newspaper Le Soir that any

withdrawal would be a "com-

plicated and dangerous op-

eration" taking place in a

"I'm asking myself the

question whether a retreat is the best solution," Mr. Claes

was quoted as saying in an

interview before the U.S.

announcement. "Especially

since the European nations

have the moral duty to think

about their responsibilities in

the Balkans in the short and

The Bosnia crisis took cen-

tre stage at the EU summit

after President Clinton's un-

expected pledge of U.S.

troops Thursday. German

Chancellor Kohl agreed to

have the leaders discuss the

issue over lunch, and foreign

ministers had it on their even-

States has refused to send

ground troops to Bosnia - a

sore point with Britain,

France and other allies,

which have sent thousands of

troops to protect the besieged

lend support has led to a rift

in the 16-Nation North

Atlantic Treaty Organisa-

tion. All EU nations except

neutral Ireland belong to the

France, which has the most

troops in Bosnia, has some of

the harshest criticism for the

Washington's refusal to

civilian population.

military alliance.

Until now, the United

medium term.

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hostile environment.

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen,

farewell to Her Majesty Queen Beatrix and His Jordan (Petra photo)

avoidable.

late Thursday.

ESSEN, Germany (AP) -

Having finally gotten an

American pledge of military aid in Bosnia, European

leaders on Friday welcomed

the offer to help evacuate

stranded U.N. peacekeepers,

but warned a withdrawal

could lead to more civilian

German Chancellor Hel-

mut Kohl, hosting the Euro-

pean Union summit, pressed

the others for a strong state-

ment on the Bosnian crisis.

which has caused extraordin-

ary strains between Washing-

British Foreign Secretary

Douglas Hurd sought to

minimise trans-Atlantic dif-

ferences and said U.S. Presi-

dent Clinton's statement

showed that the Europeans

are now working closely with

Mr. Hurd said the EU

summit would not result in a

different policy on Bosnia

than Washington holds. "I

think we all know we need to

work closely with the United

States and now we are doing

so," he said in an interview

with the CNN news network.

conference, several leaders

praised the American offer to

send up to 25,000 soldiers to

help implement a U.N. pull-

out. But the Europeans also

encouraging political fact, but I hope that it is not

necessary" to implement, said Dutch Prime Minister

"In principle, this is an

urged caution.

Wim Kok.

At the start of the two-day

Washington on Bosnia.

ton and its allies.

casualties.

"After the seminar ended. the ministry of justice in Tunis exerted direct pressure on the Tunisian participants," it said. This was done by asking them to withdraw support of a collection of reports drafted by participants in the seminar.

The ICI said the ministry had put pressure on participating justices "to sign a new document significantly different in content." The ministry was also holding the only copy of a videotape of the

seminar, it added. ICJ Secretary-General Adama Dieng of Senegal said he saw these acts "as direct attacks against the independence of the judiciary in Tuni-

"We hope that no reprisals have been taken against those who had the courage to refuse to bow to pressure and sign the new document," Mr. Dieng added.

The statement said the ICI had given the Tunisian government the opportunity to remedy the situation before making its concern public. "To date, however, no adequate response has been received," the statement

The ICJ and its affiliated Centre for Independence of Judges and Lawyers "once again invite the Tunisian government to take urgent measures to remedy the situation," the statement added.

Mogadishu fighting claims 27

MOGADISHU (AFP) -Inter-clan warfare raging in Medina, a southern Mogadishu district, since Tuesday has left at least 27 people dead and more than 100 wounded, correspondents on the scene said Friday.

Meanwhile five Indian U.N. soldiers were hurt, including two seriously, overnight in the explosion of a mortar shell inside their camp at Mogadishu airport, which borders the Medina district, the Indian commander of the U.N. operation in Somalia The correspondents visited

Medina Friday during a lull in violent battles in the pocket, which is outside the control of warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed whose supporters control the rest of the south of the lawless capital.

U.N. spokesmen said earlier U.N. troops had not been involved in the fighting.

Witnesses said the fighting pitted the Abgal and the Murusade, two rival factions of the Hawiye clan. It was reportedly sparked by the defection of one faction leader from the camp of self-styled "interim president" Ali Mahdi, who rules northern Mogadishu, to General

The flare-up of fighting in Somalia comes as the 15,000 U.N. troops here withdraw prior to a March 31 deadline following the failure of Gens. Aideed and Ali Mahdi to agree on a government of national unity.

First

talks

Ulster

adjourn

BELFAST (AFP) - The

first official peace talks in 25

years between the British

government and the Sinn

Fein political wing of the

Irish Republic Army (IRA)

adjourned after three-and-a-

half hours Friday until De-

"We made a beginning,"

said Sinn Fein chief nego-

The talks are to resume

here four days after the gov-

ernment meets on Dec. 15

with representatives of the

other side of the dispute, the

tunity which needs to be built

upon," said Mr. McGuin-

ness, the 44-year-old former

IRA man who led the Sinn

This is an historic oppor-

tiator Martin McGuinness.

cember 19.

loyalist militias.

announcement. This goes in the direction

we hoped because the contributions of our allies will be useful in the event of a decision to withdraw," said ministry spokeswoman Catherine Colonna. The promise of troops

NATO military strategists

States.

Preparing for withdrawal cause the Bosnian Serbs have been holding peacekeepers hostage, attacking U.N. declared safe areas and supplies.

peacekeepers on the ground, some 4,500. Other EU nations taking part in the U.N. mission include: Britain, with about 3,500 peacekeepers; Belgium, 1,000; the Nether-lands, 1,900; and Spain,

was good at offering advice, but not troops." Aideed. With Mr. Clinton's unexpected move, the tough words may be muted at the summit in this Ruhr valley industrial city.

In Paris, the French foreign ministry welcomed as "positive" the American

United States and has said

Washington offers only

advice while others have sol-

Jonathan Eyal of the Royal

United Services Institute in

London suggested Washing-

ton's promise of troops was

made partly "because it was

stung by accusations that it

diers on the firing line.

marked another shift in Clinton administration policy on Bosnia. Last week, Washington swung to the viewpoint of other NATO allies that diplomacy, not force, was the best way to deal with the war.

have been drawing up con-tingency plans in case of an evacuation. Some 20,000 to 40,000 troops would be needed, with about half expected from the United

has become a priority beblocking food and medical

France has the most

Fein team. "We have told the representatives of the British government that it is now time to liberate the oppressed and

the oppressor. In its statement to the government side, read afterward to the press, Sinn Fein spoke of its "serious attempt to engage meaningfully and authoritatively with your government_....

Norway will not extradite **Palestinian**

OSLO (R) - A Norwegian court on Friday rejected a German request for the extradition of a stateless woman arrested in connection with the 1977 hijacking of a Lufthansa airtiner.

The Oslo probate court ordered the release of Souhaila Sami Andrawes, arrested in Norway on Oct. 13 at the request of German police.

Ms. Andrawes, 41, who has lived in Oslo for three years, is the only survivor of four hijackers who forced the Lufthansa plane to land in Somalia, demanding the reease of 11 urban guerrillas held in West Germany and two Palestinians. The fiveday drama ended when West German commandos stormed the aircraft and freed the 86

"Conditions for extraditing her were not there. She will not be extradited." Brit Lund, a court official, told Reuters.

The court ruling was made as Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres arrived in Oslo to receive the Nobel Prize and hold a summit with fellow laureate PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Italy's Di Pietro to tie the knot

MILAN, Italy (AFP) - AL

ter three years in the lime. light as an anti-corruption crusader, Judge Antonio Di Pietro plans to take some time for himself and get married, colleagues said. Judge Di Pietro, 44, who resigned Tuesday, plans to marry the woman he has been living with for the past 10 years, Susanna Mazzoleni. They have two children. The Milan magistrate who became a national hero with his Clean Hands corruption probe has vet to formalise his resignation by sending a letter to a judicial oversight panel as required. He has more than two months of vacation accrued, and with honeymoon time and other compensatory time for his resignation, he will remain on the government payroll for almost four months. Judge Di Pietro, nicknamed "the little judge" because of his rural upbringing and previous iobs as a labourer and policeman, is divorced from his first wife. They have one son.

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Charles, Diana eligible for 'quickie divorce'

LONDON (R) — Prince Charles and Princess Diana, whose "fairytale" marriage dissolved in bitter recrimination. Friday became eligible for a "quickie" mutually agreed divorce. But two years to the day after their separation shocked Britain, the toyal couple appear in no hurry to make the split final - even if they can now do so without a messy court hearing. Prince Charles, who admitted adultery in a controversial television documentary, told his authorised biographer that he had no plans to divorce. His beloved grandmother, the 94year-old Queen Mother, is also opposed to divorce and he may wish to spare her the distress of witnessing a permanent parting. Princess Diana, shaken by allegations she had an affair with dashing cavalry officer James Hewitt. fears that if she makes the first move, she could lose he two young sons, Prince William, 12, and Prince Harry, 10, and see her popularity plummet. Andrew Morton. author of two international best-seilers about Princess Diana, predicts that the couple will not divorce for at least another year.

Japanese women marry later, work harder, have fewer children

TOKYO (AFP) — Japanese,

women marry late, have few

children, and are the hardest

workers in the world's major industrialised nations, according to a government white paper released Friday. Chief Cabinet Secretary Kozo Lgarashi, who is also in charge of government policies on women's affairs, reported the tindings in the White Paper On Women. According to the report, the average Japanese women married at the age of 26.1 and had 1.46 children in 1993. In response to a survey question in on which family member was responsible for taking care the children, 68.6 per cent of Japanese said the mother, while only 14.6 per cent said "all family members" shared the duty in Sweden, the United States and France, more than 30 per cent of respondents cited "all family members." The Japanese woman's merage working week, including time spent on the job and on domestic chores, totalled 74.4 hours, which exceeded the average for men, which reached only 61.7 hours, the paper says. Women in other industrialised nations spent less time working at home and at their place of employment --- 67.8 hours in France, 62.1 hours in the United States, and 59 hours in Britain. The white paper also said the birth rate was declining in Japan because women regard the burden of child rearing and other domestic duties as its creasingly heavy. On Tues-day, the Labour Ministry said that among two-income com-ples, wives spent three hould and 5! minutes per day on average on domestic chores. and child care, while hus-

bands spent only 12 minutes:

Israel's reliability as peace partner seriously questioned

By Michael Jansen

ON THURSDAY, after six days of consideration and debate in four cabinet meetings, the Israeli gov-ernment decided to adhere to the Oslo accord, concluded with the Palestinians, thereby averting the most serious crisis so far faced by regional peacemakers.

According to the Oslo accord Israel would have had to permanently "redeploy" its army "outside populated areas... not later than the eve of elections" for a Palestinian selfgoverning council.

However, Israeli generals and cabinet ministers now argue that settlers will be at risk from attack by Islamic militants if the troops were withdrawn. Some called for Israel to

make unilateral changes in the Oslo accord, others for its "renegotiation", while the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, pressed for postponement of this stage for two or three years.

The Palestinians responded by demanding prompt implementation of the accord while the Egyptian foreign minister. Amr Musa, said failure to abide by it would be "disastrous.'

The "doves" in the cabinet, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, were forced to trade-off the reaffirmation of Israel's commitment to "redeploy" for a promise not to raise the question of moving or removing any Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories before the interim period of

self-rule has ended.

Although such a provision has been written into the Oslo accord, the doves had hoped to remove militant settlers from the most sensitive Palestinian population centres (such as central Hebron) in order to make the army's security task easier.

The cabinet "hawks" led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who sustained a defeat at the hands of the "doves," can now be expected to demand wide powers to ensure the security of settlers in the areas of the West Bank affected by the "redeployment." Among such arrangements would be an entirely new network of roads to be used

by settlers only — a sort of apartheid by highway. It took the efforts of both the "doves" and U.S. secretary of state. Warren Christopher, on his seventh

visit to the region this year, to defeat this attempt by the Israeli military establishment and hawkish politicians to revoke or rewrite the Oslo accord. These revisionist hawks began their campaign during last Sunday's regular cabinet meeting when military experts reported that such a redeployment would increase the risk of Islamist attacks on Israeli settlers living in the West Bank, citing the fact that 32 Israelis had been killed

since Oct. 1. Mr. Christopher took an unexpectedly firm stand, warning the Israelis against "unilaterally" rewriting the accord or ignoring its provi-

ons, aware that any tempt to do so would avalidate the accord and undermine the entire peace process. However, he somewhat weakened this

stand by stating that Israel could not be expected to pull out its troops if the security of the settlers could not be provided by the Palestinian National Authority.

Thus Mr. Christopher's shuttle mission, meant to secure progress on the Syria-Israel track, became a damage-limitation effort on the PLO-Israel track. At stake was not only the survival of the Oslo accord, the basic document of regional peacemaking, but the peace process itself, for without the Palestinians there can be no general Atro-Israeli serilement.

But even Mr. Christopher could not stem the considerable damage done by this week's crisis, a crisis which has consistently been underplayed in the world media. The very fact that

whether or not to implement the provisions of a solemn agreement concluded with Israel's major Arab antagonist calls into question Israel's reliability as a peace partner. Syria and Lebanon, the two countries which have not yet concluded agreements with Israel, will now be very reluctant to take anything on trust and can be expected to demand "full Israeli withdrawal" before conceding anything to Israel in terms of nonbelligerency and normalisation. They can also be expected to insist on iron-clad guarantees for any accords they sign with Israel, though it is difficult to see how such guarantees can be provided because the U.S. remains totally committed to Israel and its policy posi-